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SCHOOLS OUT!
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A course in Norse for primary pupils, with a little help from Porthcawl Museum.
SEE PAGE 8.

It was the end of an era as Heol Y Cyw school held a reunion, and farewell, last week. For more photographs, see Page 26.

Kenfig Hill Paralympian is honoured by university

FORMER Wales national rugby captain Sam Warburton and Kenfig Hill's Paralympian Nathan Stephens were two of those honoured by Cardiff Metropolitan University at its annual degree ceremonies.

Mr Stephens, a former head boy at Ynysawdre Comprehensive, has competed at the pinnacle of disability sport.

Having lost both his legs at age nine in an accident on a railway line, he began competing in athletic competitions in 2003 at the age of 15 and has since gone on to represent Great Britain at the 2008 and 2012 Summer Paralympic Games.

While the peak of his career arrived in 2011, when he would become F57 javelin world champion and break the world record throwing distance, He has competed across many sporting disciplines, representing Great Britain as a sledge hockey player and Wales as a member of the national powerlifting squad.

Mr Stephens said: "It is extremely overwhelming and a great honour to be awarded with an honorary fellowship.

"Cardiff Met has been a huge part of my sporting journey, allowing me to study and train at the same time.

"I am now working closely with the university to provide the same opportunities for the future generations of para athletes."

Sam Warburton's Fellowship comes in recognition of a trophy-laden professional rugby career that has seen him grow into one of the most famous faces in Welsh sport. The ceremony took place before he surprised so many people by announcing his retirement from rugby.

As well as his success in the Welsh national team, Warburton captained the British and Irish Lions on their 2013 and 2017 tours.

President and vice-chancellor of Cardiff Met, Professor Cara Aitchison, said: "The university awards honorary fellowships and doctorates as an indication of respect to individuals who have given outstanding and distinguished service."

Nathan Stephens in his robes at 'Cardiff Met' University.

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Cheque will help house Caerau defibrillator

The cheque being handed to CDT by Caerau Men's Shed. Image by Phil Davies Scenic Gallery.

GRAHAME Dawe and directors of Caerau Development Trust (CDT) would like to thank chairman Chris Davies and Caerau Men's Shed for raising funds to help house the new defibrillator, which will be housed at CDT.

Caerau Men's Shed continues to support the community and this time it was in the form of a cash donation of £150 to Caerau Development Trust towards the siting of a defibrillator at its premises in Caerau.

Besides assisting in obtaining the life-saving defibrillator, several members of Caerau Men's Shed have undergone training in its use.

Ted, one of the members, said the reason money was donated for the equipment is that anyone in Caerau and possibly Nantyffyllon could benefit with trained people having access to it.

PD

Big Give Challenge – can you help KPC?

FOLLOWING the success of last year's Big Give Christmas Challenge – KPC Youth and Community are excited to have signed up again this year to this fantastic fundraising opportunity.

It is a vital fundraiser for KPC to help towards covering the core costs of the project and what it delivers for the local community.

It is particularly important to the group as it celebrates its 20th year as a small local charity – and sustainability continues to be a pressing issue.

The first stage in the challenge is to seek pledge promises from supporters – which then form part of the charity's matching pot for the Christmas challenge.

By pledging, you are promising to match online donations received by KPC during the live campaign for the Big Give Christmas Challenge.

Pledgers will only need to fulfil their promise and pay the charity if KPC receives online donations during the 'live' campaign which runs in December.

If you can help with a pledge of a minimum of £100, complete the online form at: secure.thebiggive.org.uk/pledge/kpcyouthcommunity.

The campaign is am opportunity for doubling donations and could even be worth four times the original value.

If there are any fundraisers taking place within workplace/organisations, they could consider donating proceeds to help ensure the group hits their target.

The challenge is now under way with some pledges already received. KPC would like to thank those who have signed up so far for their generous support and are nearly halfway towards achieving their target of £3,750 before the fast approaching deadline of August 31.

Contact KPC Youth and Community, off Pyle Inn Way, Pyle, Bridgend, CF33 6AB; call 01656 749219 or email kpcyouth@hotmail.com.

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Robert McCann with 'Lucy the Wind Turbine', which is a little less affectionate than its feline namesake.

A Porthcawl wind turbine now has a name: Lucy

A WIND turbine at Newton Down Wind Farm in Porthcawl has been named by local resident Robert McCann.

Mr McCann was given the opportunity by the wind farm's developer after he noticed damage to one of the site's gates.

He named the towering turbine 'Lucy' in memory of his late cat at an unveiling last month.

AS

Champagne and smoked salmon to 'End Polio Now'

PORTHCAWL Rotarians recently raised £500 for the 'End Polio Now' campaign.

The event was well attended, with more than 50 Rotarians and guests.

The fundraising event was organised and hosted by Rotarian Andrew Singer and his wife Liz at their home in Newton.

Guests were treated to Champagne and smoked salmon canapes, as well as excellent musical entertainment provided by pupils of Porthcawl Comprehensive School.

All funds raised for the 'End Polio Now' campaign are tripled by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

More quick quiz questions

HERE are this week's teasers from the Bridgend Quiz League:

1. From which town are sea levels and tides in the UK measured from?

2. Who did Melanie Griffiths marry and divorce twice?

3. What feature of the first motorway, the Preston Bypass, was not used on subsequent motorways?

If anyone is interested in joining the League, visit bridgendquiz.com for details.

SK

Answers:
1. Newlyn, Cornwall.
2. Don Johnson.
3. Gravel for the hard shoulders.

Brynteg gives Porthcawl a taste of things to come

A LOCAL school is at it again with another show-stopping musical right around the corner, and they gave Porthcawl residents a taste last Saturday.

Brynteg Comprehensive School is not only known for producing some of the most talented and well-known sports people in the industry, but also for its incredible musical productions which take place every year, with a talented cast and phenomenal crew.

The latest in Brynteg productions is *High School Musical*, following on from brilliant shows such as *Annie* and *Camp Rock*. The show will be staged later this year in the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl.

For all of these productions, Brynteg have fundraised endlessly for the money to afford all the equipment and venues. From bag-packing in Sainsbury's and performing in the foyer, to just recently singing and dancing at the Porthcawl band stand on Saturday, July 7.

This production promises to be just as good as every one Brynteg has done to date.

MEGAN NEWBERRY

Llynfi Valley ex-miners group hosts reunion

AROUND 80 former miners attended the first-ever Llynfi Valley ex-miners reunion at Maesteg RFC.

The event was organised by chairman Chris Davies and Claire Jenkins of the Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation (CISWO).

Ex-miners who worked in the pits in the Llynfi Valley had a buffet sponsored by CISWO and Maesteg Council.

A spokesperson said: "These miners worked a time when 'coal was king', and they are the last of their breed. The skills they honed working underground will never be replicated and they helped to shape the Llynfi Valley."

The miners worked at Coegnant, Caerau, Cwmdu, Bryn, Glyncorrwg, Duffryn and even mines in Africa.

They reminisced of years gone by and really enjoyed the event.

The group intends to hold the event annually.

Hugh Irranca-Davies AM and his wife attended, along with Caerau councillor Paul Davies.

The Llynfi Valley Ex-Miners Group meets on Tuesdays from 7pm until 8.30pm every fortnight at Maesteg RFC.

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PACT meetings

MORFA WILDMILL PACT public meeting will be held at The Community Life Centre, The Precinct, Wildmill on Monday, July 16, at 5pm.

LITCHARD, PENDRE and COITY PACT public meeting will be held at Litchard Mission, Litchard on July 19 at 7pm.

PORTHCAWL EAST CENTRAL PACT public meeting will be held at Porthcawl Fire Station, Porthcawl on Tuesday, July 24 at 6.30pm.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JULY 26)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
19 Thur	11.59	8.9		
20 Fri	00.29	8.7	12.58	8.4
21 Sat	01.26	8.2	13.58	8.1
22 Sun	02.33	7.9	15.12	8.0
23 Mon	03.43	7.9	16.22	8.0
24 Tues	04.52	8.2	17.21	8.3
25 Wed	05.47	8.6	18.09	8.7
26 Thur	06.32	8.8	18.54	9.0

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

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Porthcawl RNLI heading for its 'busiest-ever year'

The Porthcawl RNLI lifeboat has been launched a record number of times this year.

THE Lifeboat Operations Manager at Porthcawl RNLI, Philip Missen, says the number of 'shouts' they have launched for so far this year is unprecedented.

The hot weather has added to some incidents, but the reasons for each launch have varied greatly. Some have been straightforward rescues and others have seen the crew work with the emergency services including neighbouring lifeboat stations, Welsh Ambulance Service paramedics, Coastguard units from Porthcawl and Llantwit Major, the Coastguard SAR helicopter and police.

Some have been instigated by observations made by the RNLI lifeguards operating along the coast and by the National Coastwatch Institution team at Porthcawl.

He said: "We encourage the public to visit our website, *www.porthcawl-lifeboat.co.uk* for important information such as tide times of high and low water and tide heights.

"It is encouraging to note that many of the open water swimmers at Porthcawl are now towing floats which we would always encourage as a 'be seen' safety aid.

"Enjoy the sea, but always treat it with respect." **AS**

Council plans to clampdown on 'irresponsible' dog owners

New plans to tackle dog fouling in Bridgend will make it a criminal offence for dog walkers to leave their pet's mess behind in a public place.

The proposals, put forward by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC), will also require dog walkers to carry poo bags with them when out and about.

And it will be an offence if a dog walker fails to put their dog on a lead when requested to do so by a council officer.

Dog walkers could be fined £100 if they don't comply or be taken to court and given a fine on conviction of up to £1,000.

The council says it wants to crack down on the "irresponsible behaviour" by a "small minority of dog owners".

A report which went before councillors on Tuesday July 17 said dog fouling prompts hundreds of complaints every year with playing fields having to be checked for dog poo before they can be used.

The report continued: "Dog fouling is unsightly, unpleasant and can lead to toxocariasis in humans which causes serious illness and even blindness.

"It is caused by a parasite that lives in dogs' digestive systems. The disease can be controlled if dog faeces are disposed of immediately in a responsible manner."

Cabinet members agreed on Tuesday whether to undertake a public consultation exercise on the proposal to make a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) to introduce dog controls in the county.

The order will prohibit dog fouling in all public places, make it a requirement to carry bags or other suitable means for the disposal of dog faeces and allow authorised officers to give a direction that a dog be put and kept on a lead if necessary.

Officers say the PSPO will allow the council to introduce a range of "reasonable and proportionate restrictions" on the use of publicly accessible land across the county that would "better control the harmful activities of irresponsible dog owners while allowing responsible dog owners to continue to exercise their dogs without undue restrictions".

Exemptions can apply to people with a disability who have an assistance dog.

The report also noted the order should not apply to the normal activities of working dogs, such as those used by the emergency services.

A consultation on PSPOs in Bridgend county borough took place last June but did not include dog fouling.

It looked at maintaining and extending the existing order in Bridgend county which gives police powers to confiscate alcohol from people who are drinking in a public area where there have been alcohol-related disturbances in the past.

Officers said a report on the public consultation will come to cabinet and if new PSPOs are created, they will all then have the same start date and renewal date.

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Local Democracy Reporter

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Police seek first-aider after fatal Culverhouse Cross collision

SOUTH Wales Police is continuing to investigate a fatal road traffic collision that happened on the A4232 in Cardiff on Tuesday, May 29.

Officers are keen to identify a woman, believed to be a nurse, who provided first aid at the scene of the collision.

Barbara Rowe (60), from the Pen-y-Fai area of Bridgend, died following the midday collision involving two lorries and two cars on the southbound carriageway near Culverhouse Cross.

The woman who stopped to help Mrs Rowe is described as having light coloured short hair, was wearing a blue jumper or cardigan, dark trousers and possibly glasses.

Mrs Rowe's family, continue to be supported by a specially-trained family liaison officer.

A 27-year-old man,arrested on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving remains released under investigation.

Please contact South Wales Police on 101 quoting occurrence number *192049 if you have any information.

Travellers removed from Cowbridge

THE Vale Council has removed travellers from Stalling Down in Cowbridge after taking legal action.

They were evicted from the area on July 13 morning with the assistance of High Court bailiffs, who enforced a court order gained the previous day.

The Council is now arranging for a significant quantity of rubbish to be cleared from the site.

The group entered the area on Sunday and were swiftly advised by Council officers that their stay was unauthorised, unlawful and would not be tolerated.

The police were informed and assisted with the situation.

There is a strict process that must be followed when Gypsy and traveller groups occupy land and this had to be followed before the group could be moved on.

Cllr John Thomas, Leader of the Vale Council said: "The occupation of Council land in this way is completely unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

"As soon as we became aware of this situation, prompt action was taken to ensure this group were removed at the earliest opportunity."

CS

Lions' news

IT WAS another bumper weekend for Porthcawl Lions Club

On Saturday, July 14, books were on offer in the Lions Book sale in John Street, and on Sunday, it was the car boot sale at Porthcawl Rugby ground. Weather permitting, the next car boot sale will start at 8am until 1pm, and a pitch is £6.

On Saturday, August 4 at the Porthcawl Rugby ground, the Vintage Fayre takes place and already more than 150 cars due to appear. There will be stalls and games for children of all ages.

The fayre starts at 12 noon to 5pm. Details of all activities can be found at porthcawllions.org.

DR

Uncovered by Acorn, antiques and artefacts at The Rest in Porthcawl

REGENERATION specialist Acorn Property Group has donated £250 to the Porthcawl Museum while it redevelops the Victorian Grade II listed former convalescence hotel, known locally as 'The Rest', into residential accommodation.

As work got under way to convert the building, which had been derelict for three years, Acorn recovered original dedication plaques and other artefacts which it has donated to the museum.

Opened in 1862 by Dr James Lewis, The Rest was initially for miners and local workers, but more recently it was used as a holiday hotel for the elderly, before shutting its doors in 2013.

Previously hidden features have been uncovered during the initial development work, including original doors, wooden staircase and archways.

The new build element of the scheme is anticipated to complete in 2021.

"It is great being able to support the Porthcawl Museum and unearth more of the history and original features of this landmark building," said James Groombridge, regional managing director for Acorn's Cardiff office.

AA

ID card 'ends stigma of being a young carer'

AN identification card system in operation for young carers who are pupils at Bridgend schools is set to be extended across Wales.

The ID card is given to young carers to help them explain to teachers why they might be late to arrive at school or falling behind with homework due to their responsibilities at home.

A young carer is someone under 18 who provides unpaid care for a family member who cannot cope without their support.

Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) began the scheme in 2015 and since then 120 cards have been handed out to young carers.

The ID card is issued by the council following a statutory assessment.

Local Democracy Reporter

AM slams hospital bed cutbacks

RESEARCH carried out for regional AM Suzy Davies has revealed that 61 beds were lost from the four major hospitals operated by ABMU between April 2017 and May 2018.

Despite this, the board is now proposing to axe a further 80 beds in the area.

Welsh Conservative Mrs Davies submitted a Freedom of Information request to the board asking not just for overall bed numbers, but also for a breakdown of how many beds have been lost from each speciality.

This reveals that 16 beds were lost from the Princess of Wales Hospital in Bridgend, which also serves the western Vale. Bed numbers have dropped from 410 to 394, excluding psychiatry. Six of those lost were general medical beds with a further three from orthopaedic and trauma and another two from general surgery.

Mrs Davies said: "In 2005, there were 481 beds at the Princess of Wales Hospital and yet, despite an increasing population and a rise in the number of older people, the hospital now has 90 fewer beds.

"Back in 2005, there were also more step-down beds available in the area with Maesteg hospital offering 34 and Maesgwyn 28. These were beds that people could be transferred to when they no longer needed acute care.

"Maesteg is now down to 20 beds and Maesgwyn has been closed altogether, so there is a loss of a further 42 beds in the Bridgend area."

Commenting further on the figures, Mrs Davies said: "Morriston Hospital has also lost seven orthopaedic and trauma beds. I am worried about the loss of capacity within ABMU to carry out elective orthopaedic surgery. Waiting times for things like hip and knee replacements are scandalous.

"At the same time as hospital chiefs were busy closing these beds across the region, patients were waiting up to 89 weeks to have a hip operation.

"Frustrated surgeons have told us that they are having to cancel operations for routine surgery because there are no beds available – they have been taken for emergency admissions following accidents and major traumas.

"The long waiting time for these operations is purely down to a shortage of beds. Operating theatres stand empty and surgeons are on stand-by waiting for beds to become available."

Other bed losses across the region, which could have a knock-on effect on POW and local patients, include 32 beds at Singleton Hospital including 30 general medical beds.

Mrs Davies said: "Losing medical beds is also a worry because when frail elderly people need admission to hospital, if there are not enough medical beds for them, they are admitted into whatever bed is available. That cuts into the beds available for surgical patients."

Twenty beds also went at Neath Port Talbot Hospital, including 16 general medical and four designated for care of the elderly.

She added: "Health chiefs are now arguing that they can manage with 80 fewer beds on top of those already lost. Twenty-six care of the elderly beds are to go from Singleton, 20 from Neath Port Talbot and 34 older people's mental health beds from Princess of Wales and the Tonna Unit in Neath.

"I ask one simple question – how will our hospitals cope with 80 fewer beds when every winter we see elective surgery cancelled because of bed shortages and ambulances stacked up outside hospital for hours on end – sometimes as many as 12 at a time?

While they are there, they are unable to get out and deal with fresh emergencies. How often have we heard about people left for hours on the floor after falls because no ambulance is available?

"Health bosses must stop believing they can save money by closing beds. I know the thinking is to prevent people going to hospital in the first place or getting them home as quickly as possible after an admission. There is also an ongoing problem recruiting nurses.

"We have not only reached the bottom line for bed numbers – we have gone through it. It's time to put extra beds into the system to cater for the needs of our ageing population and relieve pressure on the ambulance service which is patently failing to cope."

The AMBU Director of Strategy, Sian Harrop-Griffiths, said: "Our top priority is to provide high quality, safe care for our patients. Our focus is moving more and more to community-based care.

"This is key to relieving pressure on healthcare services, as this helps to avoid unnecessary hospital admissions in the first place, and helps to keep patients' stay in a hospital bed to a minimum.

"We are improving care for frail older people in line with best practice, and the Welsh Government's long term plan to provide more care closer to people's homes.

"Better 'front door' assessment and care of patients arriving at hospitals also makes a big difference to reducing patients' lengths of stay.

"We've already done a significant amount of work to change the way in which we provide care, for example:

• A new model for acute frail older people at Singleton which has helped to reduce the number of patients admitted through the Singleton Assessment Unit, and reduced the length of time people have to stay in hospital;

• At Neath Port Talbot hospital, a Transfer of Care and Liaison Service (TOCALS) has supported patients from the Neath Port Talbot area in our other acute hospitals go directly home, rather than via Neath Port Talbot hospital;

• Changing the models of care for patients who go to Gorseinon hospital, which has helped patients to recover more quickly and allow them to go home sooner.

Evidence to support these claims was not supplied.

She continued: "Based on our changing service models, we engaged with the public on closing 26 care of the elderly beds at Singleton hospital, 20 care of the elderly / medical beds at Neath Port Talbot Hospital and 34 older people's mental health beds (in the Tonna Unit and Princess of Wales Hospital) this year (the public engagement closed on June 27).

"A final decision will be made by the Board on July 26, following recommendations by the Community Health Council and consideration of the results of the engagement.

"Healthcare is a complex system and we are closely monitoring the effects on our system while we make these changes."

Jam in the Castle was a big success

THE Jam in the Castle event that took place at Coity Castle, Bridgend, on July 14 was a highly successful event that was well received and enjoyed by people of all ages.

Coity Festivals would like to thank all who helped, the sponsors and all those who attended and supported the event.

A presentation evening will be held to make donations to the chosen causes (Sandville and Coety Primary School) later in the summer.

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Building society's half century

PRINCIPALITY Building Society's branch in Bridgend town centre is celebrating 50 years since it opened its doors to customers.

The branch officially opened on Caroline Street in July 1968.

To celebrate the occasion, staff greeted members who came in to branch over the weekend with birthday cake and a glass of fizz, while male youth choir, Only Boys Aloud, entertained customers.

Principality currently serves almost 11,000 members in Bridgend and more than 500,000 across Wales and England.

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Green flags awarded in Bridgend county

GLANRHYD Hospital in Bridgend has becomes the first hospital in Wales to achieve Green Flag status.

Also receiving one of the green flags, and for the third consecutive year, is Bryngarw Country Park.

Awen Cultural Trust, which manages the park, has invested some £50,000 in the site in the past 12 months.

Funds were spent on a range of improvements, including repairing the big slide, installing new children's play equipment, adding new signage, developing new maps and leaflets, improving disability access and facilities, improving the pathways and carrying out revetment work around the duck pond.

The Green Flag Award programme is delivered in Wales by Keep Wales Tidy, with support from the Welsh Government.

It is judged against eight criteria, including horticultural standards, cleanliness, environmental management and community involvement.

Some 201 flags, a record, were awarded this year.

Lucy Prisk, Green Flag Coordinator at Keep Wales Tidy said: "The 201 flags flying are a testament to the dedication and enthusiasm of the staff and volunteers across the country who work tirelessly to maintain Green Flag Award standards. "

A full list of award winners can be found at *www.keepwalestidy.cymru/greenflag*.

LB

Double celebration for mayor

ASUNDAY, July15 was a special date for the Mayor of Maesteg, Cllr Lynne Beadle, who was not only celebrating her 46th wedding anniversary to husband and consort Tom, but also the Civic Sunday at St Michael's Church, Maesteg.

Friends and family members were invited to attend the service with the reception held at Maesteg Town Hall.

Entertainment was provided by Cor Meibion Maesteg with Tony Mullins and a town crier hosting the event.

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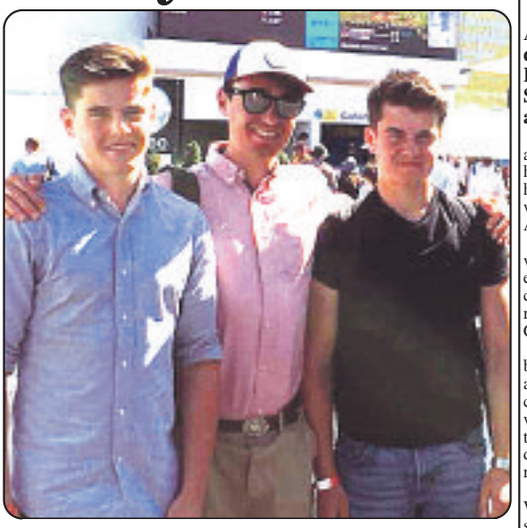
Family's tribute to Tom after holiday accident



Tom Channon (left) with brothers Harry and James.

THE family of a Rhoose student who has died in while on holiday in Magaluf has issued a heartfelt tribute, and a request for privacy.

John and Ceri Channon, following the loss of their son, Tom, in Mallorca have said: "We are devastated by the tragic loss of Tom and are trying to come to terms with this terrible situation.

"He was loved by everyone who knew him. He was a gentle, kind and generous young man. A hole has been left in our hearts that will never be filled.

"Tom was the model son, brother and grandson. He studied hard, was popular with his classmates and was a joy to be around. His sense of humour was infectious.

"Tom loved playing tennis and played almost daily with his brothers and was a member of Rhoose, Barry Island and Penarth Tennis Club.

"One of our most recent happy memories was when we attended the Queens Club Championship as a family just three weeks ago.

"Tom was a passionate Cardiff City supporter and season ticket holder and was looking forward to the season in the Premier League.

"He loved five a side football and set up AC Merollin FC for his friends who played at the Gol Centre in Cardiff.

"He attended St Richard Gwyn School before moving on to St David's College in Cardiff. He excelled academically and was a popular pupil. Tom was looking forward to his A-Level results and wanted to follow his father and be an economist."

"During this difficult time, we ask for the space and privacy to try to come to terms with a loss that will never be filled."

It has been reported that Tom was celebrating the end of exams. He is understood to have fallen 65ft from a walkway.

A very busy term at Bryntirion Infants

AS the school term draws to a close, Bryntirion Infant School is celebrating a fantastic year.

According to the pupils at Bryntirion Infants, the highlights of this year have been the Royal wedding and World Autism Awareness Week.

As the Royal wedding was fast approaching, everyone at the school celebrated by holding a real ceremony at Laleston Church.

The bride, groom, bridesmaids, royal family and wedding party then celebrated with a royal wedding breakfast back at the school, followed by dancing and singing at a royal party.

Autism Awareness Week was also a huge success. The school organised various events, not only to raise money for the National Autistic Society, but also to raise funds to develop playtime within the school and to promote increased inclusion between all children who attend.

All events were a huge success, including 'Onesie Wednesday', the superhero-themed reading café where a cake sale was also held and a bubble release.

Plans are now under way to develop resources in the playground and update the school library to include reading books about autism.

Christopher Jones with sons Bailey and Reiley with their cheque.

The school were overjoyed to have raised almost £300 on their first attempt at celebrating such a fantastic cause close to their hearts and it will now be a permanent fixture in their school calendar.

The money raised also went towards much needed resources for the observation classes at the school and a portion of it was donated to Christopher Jones who ran the London Marathon for the second time in aid of the National Autistic Society.

Well done Bryntirion Infant School; here's to another fantastic academic year! **DQT**

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Welsh Tory leadership nominations close

NOMINATIONS have closed for candidates to succeed Andrew R T Davies as the leader of the Conservative group in the Welsh Assembly.

Two candidates – Paul Davies and Suzy Davies –will go forward to the next round.

Paul Davies is the AM for Preseli Pembrokeshire. He was made interim leader following the resignation of Andrew RT Davies last month and is also Chief Whip.

Suzy Davies is the regional member for South West Wales and currently serves as Shadow Secretary for Social Services, Culture and Welsh Language.

Both candidates will have the opportunity to put their views forward to the membership at hustings meetings.

A full postal ballot will then be sent out Wednesday, August 15, to be returned by Wednesday, September 5.

Votes will be counted and the winner declared on September 6. **DH**

'It's not coming home' – the World Cup to England, that is

WITHIN hours of England being knocked out of the World Cup, a wag had written 'It's not coming home' in giant letters on Barry Island beach.

The message, a variation on the title of the England football song 'It's Coming Home', was filmed by 'Barrybados' and put up on Facebook.

Within hours it had been viewed more than 200,000 times.

It led to a lot of banter in the comments, although someone claimed it should have written on an English beach rather than a Welsh one.

Messages on Barry Island beach get noticed – someone recently wrote 'No Litter' in the sand in large letters at Whitmore Bay to persuade people not to leave rubbish there. **TC**

Westminster award for CAVC student

A STUDENT from Cardiff and Vale College was given an award at a ceremony at Central Hall, Westminster earlier this month

Whitney Phillips won the BTEC Award for Child and Social Care Student of the Year in recognition of her achievement in their subject.

Having worked for a number of years after leaving school, Whitney returned to education to undertake an adult foundation course to allow her to access a level 3 course, and then enrolled onto the BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care.

She said: "The BTEC helped me achieve things that I never thought I could do, improving my life, along with my son's life forever.

"This could never have happened without the support of my tutors and I will never forget the importance of this experience and everything I have gained.

"Now my dream of working in mental health nursing is so much closer, and I can't wait to move onto the next chapter of my life."

Admirable effort for the Wallich

STAFF from Admiral have raised more than £15,000 for homelessness charity The Wallich, enough to fund a rough sleeper intervention team's weekend provisions for one year.

The employees raised the funds through a number of fundraising events including a Christmas candy cane gram, bake sales, quiz nights, raffles and more.

The staff joined Admiral in September 2017 and charity work is encouraged as part of their role, alongside getting involved in projects and placement rotation across a variety of business areas.

The group chose to support The Wallich, which works to prevent homelessness and provide support to those experiencing homelessness across Wales.

In total, the staff raised £15,600, beating their original target by more than 50 per cent.

Mike Walmsley, corporate fundraising manager at The Wallich said: "The money raised is having an impact on the lives of the people we support throughout our projects in Wales.

"It's a fantastic piece of fundraising and hugely valuable to The Wallich and our work with vulnerable people." **AI**

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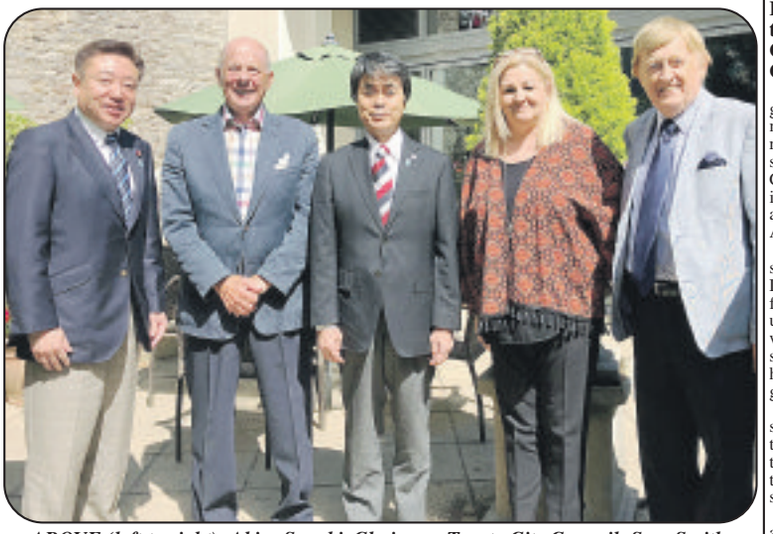

ABOVE (left to right): Akira Suzuki, Chairman Toyota City Council; Sam Smith, director, Strachan Sports Travel; Toshihiko Ota, Mayor of Toyota City; Julie Whittingham, operations manager, Strachan Sports Travel; Jim Strachan, director, Strachan Sports Travel.

IT is not often that a high-powered Japanese business delegation visits Cowbridge, but that was the case when the Mayor of Toyota City came to town.

And while most of us think of cars when we think of Toyota, the Mayor, Mr Toshihiko Ota, had rugby on his mind.

Toyota City is one of the main venues for the 2019 Rugby World Cup and will host Wales' first game (against Georgia) and he was here to liaise with the Cowbridge company, Strachan Sports Travel, that will be looking after Welsh fans who are going to Japan for the rugby extravaganza.

That first Welsh game is on September 23, and the Cowbridge meeting was part of a study visit to Wales to promote Toyota City and to encourage dialogue between the two countries, as well as strengthening existing relationships in commerce, culture, tourism and sport.

Strachan Sports Travel is Wales' leading rugby tour operator and has already produced a series of tour programmes for Welsh fans wishing to go the Rugby World Cup next year.

It shares office space with Sam Smith Travel in Cowbridge, and Sam Smith and Jim Strachan are directors.

Jim Strachan said: "The meeting was very useful in establishing contacts and learning about the facilities that are going to be made available to visiting Welsh fans.

"We were also able to make some helpful suggestions, gained from our experience of previous Rugby World Cups. I should add that we are already experiencing considerable demand for our tour programmes and I am confident that Wales will have strong support in Japan next year."

After the visit, Mr Strachan spoke to The GEM and remarked that many people were unaware of the role that Cowbridge plays in the sports travel business.

He said: "This last month, we have been co-ordinating the travel plans for the visiting bowls teams who have been here for the '10 Nations Tournament' which was played on greens in Cardiff, Barry, Penarth and Dinas Powys.

"Bowls is definitely a growth area for the business, and we handle the travel arrangements for a number of Welsh sports teams, including hockey, netball, gymnastics, squash and disability sports."

However, rugby is the biggest part of the business and Strachan Travel is particularly busy during the Six Nations.

The 2015 Rugby World Cup remains a high point, and Jim remembers one memorable day when 9,000 people passed through Cardiff Airport – all rugby fans.

Strachan Travel were busy earlier this summer, as Welsh rugby fans headed for Argentina to support Wales, but Jim says that it is still British Lions tours that attract the most numbers.

Incoming sports teams and fans give a great boost to the local economy, but Jim believes that Wales could do with more hotel beds.

He said: "I was told recently that the Principality Stadium has a capacity of 72,000, while Cardiff has just 5,000 hotel beds. Guest houses and bed and breakfasts are not included in that but it does illustrate the problem."

As it is, Strachan Travel place visitors to Cardiff events as far afield as Swansea!

It is, of course, good news for Cowbridge hotel and guest house owners.

Reflecting on the visit from the Mayor of Toyota City, Jim added: "They seem very well set up to welcome Welsh fans, and they aim to include a number of elements of the Welsh 2015 organisation – including a fan zone."

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WI MEMBERS LEARN ABOUT BETH'S TRAINING REGIME

AT the July meeting of Colwinston and Llysworney WI, Beth Sloan came to talk about her Commonwealth Games experience.

Beth, the granddaughter of member Diana Little, represented Wales in swimming at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow in 2014 and again this year in Australia.

Beth, who was studying chemistry at Liverpool University, found that training and university degree work were not compatible so she put her studies on hold and trained for the games.

This involved 5am starts with two hours in the pool, then gym work, then another two hours in the pool later in the day, seven days a week.

She trained in Bridgend and then in Cardiff, and her ambition was to be selected for the Wales swimming team. She swam in the 50m, 100m and 200m breaststroke and although she did not win any medals, she had a wonderful experience.

She answered all the questions about her training, diet and events and said that swimming in front of 10,000 people in Australia was very nervewracking.

Beth is a very inspirational young lady and we wished her well as she resumes her university studies.

Members had brought plates of buffet food which was enjoyed with a glass of Prosecco, and president Liz wished everyone a 'happy summer' and looks forward to seeing everyone at the Village Produce Show on September 1 in the Village Hall.

KJ

Beth Sloan meets the members of Colwinston and Llysworney WI.

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'Thor? He's a jolly good fellow!' say local Vikings

PUPILS from Brackla Primary School, Bridgend, became museum curators last week, after being given space at Porthcawl Museum to display their Viking project work.

Groups of children moved the work with the help of some of the museum volunteers into one of the recently renovated rooms.

The display was open to the public on July 14 which was timely, as it coincided with a visit to the museum by members of Gwerin Y Gŵyr, the Swansea branch of the National Viking reenactment society, Regia Anglorum.

The Vikings set up camp in the Museum grounds and spent the day demonstrating daily Viking life, including their fighting skills to the pupils and other visitors.

Museum volunteer Elaine Newman said: "The Museum team enjoyed working with the pupils and teachers so much, we look forward to assisting them with future projects."

At the end of a successful day, Museum chairman Paul Joseph was delighted to receive the gift of a hand-made replica Viking helmet from Myles Stevens and his fellow members of Gwerin Y Gŵyr.

Report and photographs by David Swidenbank

Vikings without horned helmets? Indeed; they were worn only for ceremonial purposes, not everyday fighting, raiding and pillaging.

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ABOVE:
Paul Joseph of Porthcawl Museum receives a gift of a replica Viking helmet.

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Dog day afternoon for Sker WI

ON July 12, the members of Sker WI were treated to an informative and entertaining talk given by Police Dog Handler, Meirig Powell and his two dogs Belle and Mia.

An officer with 30 years of experience behind him, and with retirement imminent, Meirig introduced us first to Belle. Belle is a German Shepherd who has now retired from active service due to her age.

Meirig described her as an intelligent and brave dog who served loyally at his side for many years. Now that Belle is retired she lives with Meirig and his family at their home.

Working alongside Meirig is a younger female German Shepherd by the name of Tonto – needless to say Meirig has had more than his fair share of Lone Ranger jokes!

He explained that as Tonto still has many years of active service in front of her, she will be handed over to another handler before Meirig retires.

His second working dog is Mia. Meirig described her affectionately as a 'naughty dog'. He also explained that Mia is trained to search out drugs and gave demonstrated her skills by hiding something in the hall before he brought her in.

The package did not remain hidden for long, though, and Mia was rewarded by a game of catch with her tennis ball. Meirig told us that he hopes that Mia, who he believes is about eight years old, will be retired at the same time as him and that she will join Belle at his family home.

Meirig's respect, admiration and affection for his dogs shone through his presentation. As well as giving us an overview of how dogs, particularly German Shepherds, became such a valuable asset to our modern police service he was able to show that dogs have become much more that just another piece of equipment.

From playing valuable front line policing roles to searching for illegal substances and helping to find victims of crime and/or accidents, Meirig demonstrated how much we owe to him, his colleagues and their brave, bold (and sometimes just a little bit naughty) dogs.

Rosalie Hopper gave a vote of thanks on behalf of Sker WI and everyone wished him, Belle and Mia a happy and healthy retirement.

As we have a break in August, our next meeting will be on Thursday, September 13, 7pm at St David's Church Hall, Nottage. Our guest speaker will be Val Weaver who will talk to us about Overseas Challenges. The monthly competition is 'something beginning with R

Come along and meet us at our Summer Fair, 10am to 12 noon on August 3 at Trinity Church Porthcawl.

You will find our usual high standard of home-made cakes and crafts as well as a raffle, tombola and plenty of other stalls. Entry is just a pound! Join us for a cuppa.....a warm welcome....rain or shine!

You can find out more at our Facebook page: SkerWI@NottageVillage – a special reminder to members to like and contribute to our page.

Christine Beynon

Another one to tick off the bucket list

BUCKET lists seem to be popular these days.

A few years ago the Welsh Historian, the late John Davies, produced a book and a series of television programmes with the title *Wales; 100 places to see before you die*.

Among those 100 places was Bethesda'r Fro Chapel, which lies at the eastern boundary of Llantwit Major on the road to Picketston and Eglws Brewis.

Once standing in solitary silence, it is now surrounded by the noise of MoD St Athan and the construction work on the Northern Access Road to Aston Martin and the former enterprise zone.

Blink and you might miss it.

However, there is an opportunity to visit the chapel on Sunday, July 29 as the congregation will be holding a service to celebrate the 211th anniversary of its establishment, commencing at 3pm.

The preacher will be Clive Curtis and the service will be followed in best Welsh chapel tradition by tea and refreshments. (Cheese scones a speciality)!

It will also be an opportunity to view the latest improvements to the chapel as the congregation endeavours to make the building fit to serve the community that surrounds it.

Visitors will be most welcome, especially those who need to tick off one of those 100 places in Wales.

Nigel Williams

Lots on agenda for members of Mynydd Cynffig WI

ON Tuesday, July 10, the members of Mynydd Cynffig WI met at the Talbot Centre, Kenfig Hill.

The meeting was chaired by Christine, the minutes read by Katherine and new business by Enid.

Katherine spoke about her visit to KPC's annual general meeting and told us about the good work they do there.

Christine and Eirwen told members about their visit to Oxford, which was a trip arranged by our Federation. There were five buses, and we all enjoyed the day out.

Our August trip to St Fagans and on to the Mansion House for afternoon tea was discussed and times arranged for the bus. All this is with benefit of our lottery grant.

The afternoon went by in a flash and we could have stayed for much longer, but tea and biscuits beckoned.

There is no meeting in August, so we look forward to meeting in September.

Christine Callaghan

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PRAISE FOR THE RAF AND THE RNLI

WESTMINSTER NOTEBOOK

Bridgend MP MADELEINE MOON writes a report for GEM readers

THIS has been a year of national celebrations – 100 years since women were first granted the vote, but, only so long as they were 30 or over, and they or their husband owned property of a rateable value over £5.

All men were granted the vote in the same legislation at age 21, no matter what their income. We have also celebrated 100 years since the founding of the Royal Air Force.

I sought to bring those celebrations alive locally by inviting people to an 'Equalitea' and by hosting the RAF Presentation Team at Bridgend College.

The Equalitea was hosted at St Mary's, Nolton Church Hall, and included entertainment from the excellent Tenovus Choir and surprise guest speaker, Baroness Ilora Finlay of Llandaff, who talked of how life for women working in medicine had changed since she first qualified as doctor. Even more dramatic has been the treatment and support for people who have cancer and those who are terminally ill.

I asked those attending the tea three questions: When they had first realised there was battle still to be fought for equality? The most positive equality change made in their lifetime and what was the next great equality change that was needed?

Many expressed shock at being told at a young age that they could not aspire to succeed. Management jobs were restricted to men only and one woman was told that she did not need to be good at maths as she was a girl.

Most of the women had battled against assumptions that they could not take on leadership roles and deeply resented being paid less than the men they worked with. One woman talked of seeing inequality between races in a childhood in South Africa as a wake-up call to inequality.

The most positive change in their lifetime had been women moving into management roles, though that had often happened only in the last 30 or 40 years. Gay marriage, women priests and women's increasing roles in the police and military figured many times in answers to this question.

The next great equality change needed was, for the majority of people, about pensions. Many also wanted more women in the Commons and in government jobs. Equal pay also remains a battle to be fought, as did access to child care to facilitate a return to work and the opportunity to work part time.

Some of the answers were insightful into type casting. A lady who worked in a DIY store resented customers always assuming the men knew more than the women staff. Another wrote of the growth of inequality today as pay gaps widen and opportunities for people with disabilities and for ethnic minorities reduce.

Contrast this with the celebration of 100 years of the Royal Air Force. War has always been a time of great change in social attitudes. The WRAF, the Women's Royal Air Force was founded in 1918 but disbanded in 1920.

While the Women's Auxiliary Air Force WAAF was founded in 1939 and became the Women's Royal Airforce WRAF in 1949, it was not until 1994 that women were enrolled into the RAF.

As part of the celebration of this centenary, I invited the RAF presentation team to Bridgend.

The guests included local councillors, mayors and representatives of local organisations such as Rotary and Lions and the business community. I also invited local schools.

The RAF were worried when I told them 100 10 and 11-year-olds would be present. They felt the presentation could worry the pupils. I assured them this would not happen.

Why did I invite these children? Because I know how much local schools focus on STEM subjects, science, technology engineering and maths, yet how few will go on to study these subjects as a career.

Women make up only 11 per cent of the UK's engineering workforce. If we are to remain a prosperous country we need to be on top of the STEM leagues. The RAF is a technology-driven organisation and the presentation gave the pupils the chance to see STEM in action.

I had warned the RAF team that they should expect killer questions from these children. I was especially delighted when the second questioner asked how good the RAF was as an employer for women. (In 2013 the RAF was in the top 50 UK employers list for women). After the presentation and the questions the pupils took part in a workshop building RADAR units.

The visit to Bridgend has changed how the RAF team see engagement and I hope to see a new focus on STEM subjects and involvement with schools.

I walked down to see the RNLI in Porthcawl this morning and found out that the station has performed more than 80 rescues in the year to and inlcuding July. The usual annual figure is around 78,

Compared to the trauma and bravery faced day after day by the lifeboat crew, we have nothing to complain about.

We all who live by and visit the sea have much to be thankful for as these guardians watch out for us.

Top dog in Bavaria

MIKE LARKIN of Larki Gundogs from the Vale travelled to Bavaria last weekend to train and judge at the Go South Cup.

Mr Larkin, who has trained a number of gundog champions, said: "The location for the competition was a drive of about an hour and a half from Munich, and we had over 50 competitors of various levels.

"On Friday, I carried out training sessions with people from Germany and Holland. On Saturday and Sunday I was judging."

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All the latest news from Porthcawl Townswomen's Guild

THIS month's meeting of Porthcawl Townswomen's Guild started on a happy note, welcoming two visitors who members hope will return.

There was a very interesting speaker in Pam Evans at the meeting who spoke on 'Peace Mala.' This can best be described by quoting from their leaflet: 'Creative education that empowers and embraces all uniting the world in peace.'

Pam was a teacher in Swansea who after 9/11 saw the need in her school for a better racial understanding and went on to set up 'Peace Mala'. Visit *www.peacemala.org.uk* to find out more about this organisation.

Flowers were presented to Sheila Frudd for her golden wedding anniversary and to Gwen Watts on her special birthday and some were sent to Jean Hughes for her birthday.

Members are looking forward to the monthly lunch at the Angel pub at Mawdlam, following its refurbishment.

There is no meeting in August but an afternoon tea is being held on August 15; there are still tickets available, but don't delay!

The next meeting is the harvest tea on September 12 at 2pm at All Saints Church Hall with home grown entertainment; all welcome.

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MV *BALMORAL* NEEDS £3M

Approaching Lundy.

THE 1949-built motor vessel *Balmoral* – the last seagoing ship registered in the port of Bristol – is on the move this week.

She has been moored outside M Shed since last October – a berth she has occupied most winters over the last 30 years – from whence she has sailed around the British coastline most summers ever since.

After a two year lay-up in 2012/13, she was brought back into service by her current charity owners MV Balmoral Fund Limited and operated mainly in the Bristol Channel and Irish Sea in the summers between 2015 and 2017.

During her subsequent winter lay-ups, much effort has gone into developing a programme of events around the ship in Bristol – both social and educational – but recent uncertainties over berth availability have held this process back.

Last autumn, the owning charity was advised that expenditure beyond its immediate resources would be needed to upgrade the vessel for future passenger operations.

Discussions with the Heritage Lottery Fund confirmed that if they were to assist us, any grant could only be considered on the basis of developing our community benefit and educational activities ahead of any application for funds for the main work on the ship. In this context, our community is undoubtedly Bristol, which has generously hosted the vessel for some 30 winters outside M Shed.

As has happened for short periods in previous summers when she has been unable to sail, we will be moving *MV Balmoral* to facilitate the Harbour Festival activities at the end of the month. This will be to a berth opposite SS *Great Britain* on Hotwells Road. *Balmoral* will move to that berth under her own power with a professional crew, some of whom are volunteers.

This is only a temporary berth for this summer and is without immediate access to the facilities required for us to hold public events on board.

We are grateful that the Mayor's office and Harbour Master are willing to negotiate a commercial arrangement for year-round berthing in Bristol harbour, and that through an educational engagement programme aligned to Bristol City Council objectives, we may have the opportunity to contribute to the harbour's charitable offer.

We acknowledge the assistance of National Historic Ships (UK) and Thangam Debbonaire (MP for Bristol West) in these developments, which have yet to be finalised, but we hope will enable us to plan and operate activities throughout the year.

Year-round access to berthing facilities in the centre of Bristol, where the public can come on board for events, is essential for MV Balmoral Fund to be able to develop the community and educational links required to access funding to upgrade the vessel and return her to revenue earning cruises on the Bristol Channel and further afield, for the benefit of many thousands of passengers who enjoy viewing the British coastline from the sea.

To do all this we need much more help – particularly from people in reach of Bristol to help with events and ship maintenance – and (wherever you live) to help raise money (we need about £3 million) – to contribute management skills – assist with general administration as well as help fashion workable ideas. We are a small team facing a big challenge – do come and join us.

To find out more contact us on volunteers@mvbalmoral.com or visit our website www.mvbalmoral.org.uk.

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Successful internships for local students

SOME 11 Cardiff and Vale College students have completed internships at Cardiff University, with at least 10 of them due to find full employment as a result.

The passing out ceremony markeds the second year of Wales' first Project SEARCH, an initiative which provides employment and learning opportunities for young people with additional learning needs.

One student who has found employment following her internship last year is Grace Smith, who has become a technical assistant at Cardiff University's Centre for Medical Education at the University Hospital of Wales.

Miss Smith said: "I learnt new skills like making new friends, communication, making eye contact and I learned how to work on my own.""I started the project last September," said Mr Evans.

"It's been really interesting and I've learned lots of new skills."

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'Free' childcare pilot to be introduced in Vale

PARENTS in the Vale have been told when they will be able to receive the Welsh Government's 30 hours of 'free' childcare every week.

The Welsh Government is offering eligible working parents of three and four-year-olds 30 hours early years education and childcare per week, for up to 48 weeks a year.

For the Vale this will include 12.5 hours of foundation phase nursery education and 17.5 hours of childcare per week during term time, and 30 hours of free childcare (nine weeks) non-term time.

An initial pilot of the free childcare offer will be rolled out in the Vale from September 2019 in these wards: Peterston Super Ely, Llandow/Ewenny, St Brides Major, Cowbridge, Cornerswell, Llandough, Gibbonsdown and Buttrills (Barry).

It is expected the free childcare offer will be rolled out to all wards of the Vale in 2021. The Vale Council's cabinet approved the plans on July 16.

Cardiff Council will deliver the scheme on behalf of the Vale, including processing all applications from parents, determining eligibility and informing parents of the outcome.

The Vale council will be responsible for promoting the offer to parents.

The childcare offer is already available the whole of five local authorities in Wales.

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Principality backing Waterstone Homes

PROPERTY developer Waterstone Homes has secured a seven-figure funding package from Principality Building Society, in support of its latest housing projects and growth plans.

The Bridgend-based property developer, part of the Jehu Group of Companies, has received £3.35m worth of funding from Principality Commercial to assist with the construction of its new Usk Field development in Llanishen, north Cardiff.

Andrew Lycett, Waterstone Homes' finance director said: "We have had an exceptional year of growth with turnover, profits and the number of homes built all having increased significantly. We have ambitious plans to continue this upward trend and grow the business further, which will of course, require financial support.

"It is great to work with Principality again on our latest development and to know that they recognise our strengths and potential. We are very thankful for the funding and look forward to continuing to grow the business with their support."

Gareth Redding, senior portfolio manager at Principality Commercial said: "This is an exciting development for Principality working alongside Waterstone Homes. As well as funding luxury homes, we're equally as passionate about the affordable homes market, a key element of this development."

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Judi and Eddie (Dench and Izzard, that is) to film on Penarth Pier

DAME Judi Dench and Oscar-winner Jim Broadbent are among a string of A-list stars set to be filming at Penarth Pier over the next view days.

Comedian and actor Eddie Izzard is another stellar name in town as the pier becomes the backdrop for scenes in *Six Minutes to Midnight*, a historical thriller.

The Victorian structure, owned by the Vale Council, will provide a period setting for the production, which has already filmed on Penarth seafront.

Eddie Izzard, Celyn Jones and Andy Goddard wrote the film's screenplay, which tells the story of an exclusive girls' finishing school, set in Golden Grove, that caters for the daughters of the Nazi elite before the outbreak of World War Two.

The period film features Dame Judi Dench as the school's headmistress and Eddie Izzard as a teacher accused of murder.

It is the latest in a long line of productions to choose the Vale for filming, with the likes of *Dr Who*, *Casualty* and *Sherlock* all using the area as a location in the past.

While filming takes place, the pier will be closed to the public from Wednesday, July 18 to Saturday, July 21, and any businesses affected by this will be compensated by the production company.

Cllr John Thomas, the Leader of the Vale Council, said: "We see this as an excellent opportunity to allow one of the Vale's most iconic landmarks to be featured in a production which is likely to attract a large audience.

"It is also an excellent income opportunity for the council which, given the current financial climate, we could not turn down.

"Businesses who have had to close for this period will be suitably compensated for the disruption and we hope that in the long-term, it will attract more visitors to the area."

A spokesperson for the production company said: "*Six Minutes to Midnight* is a pre-WW2 thriller starring Eddie Izzard, Judi Dench and Jim Broadbent set to be released by Lionsgate in the UK.

"We are filming the entire production across various locations in Wales and are delighted that the Vale of Glamorgan has been so supportive to our filming needs. It really highlights the Vale as a film-friendly council that we will definitely be returning to on subsequent productions."

GEM NOTE:

Eddie Izzard was spotted last weekend on Newton Green, Porthcawl, presumably on a nostalgic trip to his old school. He is a former pupil of St John's School in Newton, which closed several years ago.

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WE caught up with Sigma 3 kitchen designer Alice to talk about one of her latest designs and how you can use clever design and bold colours and textures to showcase your personality in the kitchen.

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"My favourite part of the design must be the stacked deeper wall units and the shallow accent colour wall units. It's very much on trend at the moment, and it really gives the kitchen its own personality.

"I also really love the bold turquoise glass splashback and the matching glass light shades the customer managed to have made.

"They really set this kitchen off, giving it a fun and exciting feel, it's a great example of how you can showcase your personality through design."

If you're searching for your dream kitchen, why not call into your local Sigma 3 showroom, or book a design appointment with an expert designer on *sigma3.co.uk*? Also, look at the Sigma 3 advertisement on the page opposite.

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Roll up, roll up! Bargains galore at Samantha B

THE half price summer sale at Samantha B is well under way with many ladies picking up lovely goodies at half price.

It is fair to say that we don't normally get the opportunity to wear our summer wardrobes, but with the weather as glorious as it is, a lot of ladies are finding that they don't have enough.

The sale is a great opportunity to top up and add a new twist to your existing summer wardrobe.

There are still linen skirts and trousers available, lovely cotton t-shirts and tops, gorgeous smart cotton trousers from Bianca, which are smarter for a more dressy occasion – all at 50 per cent off, and with a £5 rail, what are you waiting for?

We have just had a delivery of Olsen, Bianca and Emreco, lovely transitional pieces, cotton tops – great for now in lovely colours – and some fabulous gingham Capri trousers.

It's always exciting to see the new season colours, but it's even better when you can start wearing them straight away. Expect to see lovely pinks and khaki from Olsen.

Bold prints from Bianca are always feminine with a twist. We have had lots of ladies in looking for cropped trousers and I'm pleased to say I've managed to get some from Emreco – really light cotton gingham, with the softest waistband – and for this week only, there will be 20 per cent off new stock.

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RBL recreating the Great Pilgrimage - WILL YOU JOIN?

MEMBERS of the Barry branch of The Royal British Legion are to join thousands on a pilgrimage of Remembrance to World War One battlefields that culminates in a parade and ceremony in Ypres as part of the end of the First World War centenary commemorations this August.

The Royal British Legion event, known as Great Pilgrimage 90 (GP90), takes place between August 5 and 9 and will be one of the largest in the charity's history.

GP90 will mark 90 years since the original Royal British Legion Pilgrimage in 1928, which saw 11,000 World War One veterans and war widows visit the battlefields of the Somme in France and Ypres in Belgium, a decade after the conflict ended.

That Pilgrimage culminated in a march through Ypres to the Commonwealth War Grave Commission's Menin Gate Memorial for a ceremony to commemorate the launch of The Hundred Days Offensive and in remembrance of those who never returned.

Local Legion members David Green and Bob Wheatley will represent the Barry Branch and the local community at the event, as Standard Bearer and Wreath Layer respectively.

David and Bob will tour some of the same battlefields and cemeteries visited by those on the 1928 Pilgrimage, before marching along the original route through Ypres, to the Menin Gate on August 8 bearing their branch standard and a wreath.

They will join more than 2,200 other Legion representatives and dignitaries, including Civic and military guests from the UK, Commonwealth and Northern Europe who are taking part. Once at the Menin Gate, Bob will lay a wreath on behalf of the people of Barry.

David Green, chairman of the Barry Branch of The Royal British Legion, comments: "Great Pilgrimage 90 is a unique opportunity for the Legion community to come together and bear our Standards along the same route in Ypres taken 90 years earlier by the veterans and widows of the First World War. The Branch looks forward to proudly representing Barry at the event."

As local champions of Remembrance, the Barry Branch of The Royal British Legion is looking to work in partnership with their community to bring their unique Remembrance message to the Menin Gate, on their wreath, where it will be displayed in a wreath installation for viewing by the general public until the end of August. The message is being written by local schoolchildren.

The parade will start at midday and we encourage the public to make the trip across to Ypres for August 8 and fill the Market Square to watch the parade, One Hundred Days ceremony and then enjoy an afternoon of musical entertainment including The Central Band of the Royal British Legion.

If you want to find out more about GP90 or your local Royal British Legion branch, then please contact Bob Wheatley on 07914 382977.

Also, search on Twitter and Facebook using #GP90.

IT success for students

CAVC students (pictured left to right) Morgan Whithear, Fatoumata Makalo, Kyle Woodward, Mateusz Kolacki and Tomek Pawelek with IT lecturer Peter Franklin.

CARDIFF and Vale College recently hosted WorldSkills UK heats in IT and students came away with six medals and two of the winners will be going to Birmingham for the WorldSkills UK finals in November.

CAVC was the only Welsh college to enter students in the Cyber Security contest. Mateusz Kolacki won gold, while Kyle Woodward came away with the silver medal.

Morgan Whithear and Tomek Pawelek won gold and silver respectively in IT Technician. Melvin Saji won gold in Networking Systems Administrator while Fatoumata Makalo came away with the bronze medal in IT Software Solutions for Business.

Both Mateusz Kolacki and Kyle Woodward will go on to the WorldSkills UK finals in November following their success in the Cyber Security finals.

CAVC deputy principal Sharon James said: "Congratulations and well done to Fatoumata, Kyle, Mateusz, Melvin, Morgan and Tomek.

"To have all six of them win medals – and two golds – is an incredible achievement and shows their hard work and determination has paid off.

"Staff in the Business and IT department at CAVC have worked tirelessly to train their competitors, enabling them to compete to such a high standard. This impressive haul of medals is testament to that."

Show your appreciation for the RAF100 Appeal

AS the nation looked to the skies on July 10 to see the RAF's most historic and newest aircraft fly over Buckingham Palace, it was a moment to pause and reflect on the sacrifices made by all RAF personnel during 100 years of service.

The flypast also marked the midway point for the RAF100 Appeal, a major fundraising drive launched by the RAF and its four main charities.

The RAF100 Appeal brings together the Royal Air Force, the RAF Association, the RAF Benevolent Fund, the RAF Charitable Trust, and the RAF Museum to establish a legacy that matches the vision of Viscount Trenchard who steered the formation of the RAF in 1918.

The Appeal encourages the British public to get involved in the celebrations and help repay 'the debt we owe' and help to raise funds for the past, present and future RAF family, inspiring, honouring and supporting all who have given so much.

The centenary year of the Royal Air Force provides a unique opportunity to commemorate the service and the sacrifice of those who have gone before. Very few British people can look back at their family history over the past 100 years and find themselves untouched by the courage, capability and achievements of the men and women who served – and continue to serve – in our Royal Air Force. The RAF100 Appeal provides an opportunity to show their appreciation and help support RAF charities.

People like Battle of Britain veteran Stan Hartill who serviced the Spitfires night after night during the Second World War, lives in comfort and dignity thanks to the RAF Benevolent Fund, one of the Appeal charities; or Mike Goody, injured while on patrol with the RAF Regiment in Afghanistan, whose home adaptations have given him back his independence.

As we look towards the next 100 years for the Air Force, it is my wish that the legacy of this milestone will be to ensure their sacrifices are not forgotten, their memories live on to inspire the next generation. The RAF100 Appeal will support tens of thousands of individuals, young people, serving personnel and veterans.

To find out more or get involved visit: www.raf100appeal.org

Simon Collins, Chairman of the RAF100 Appeal

A cycling theme for Vale Photographic Club

AS the calendar moved into July, many sporting minds moved from the ball to the wheel as the World Cup finishes and Le Tour de France gets under way.

Cycling has turned out to be a bit of a theme running through Vale Photographic Club's meetings during June.

One of the members regularly comes to meetings on his 'trusted steed' and bicycles in various stages of disrepair have figured in photographs displayed at weekly meetings throughout the month of June.

Again this year, members were invited to record the efforts of the cyclists travelling through much of the Vale and southern part of RCT in the annual Cardiff Cycle Club's 100 mile road race.

Starting with a team time trial and followed by two road races on consecutive days, members of the photo club positioned themselves at various points on the event routes.

The cyclists were pleased with portrait and action shots and for photo club members, it was an exercise in press photography requiring a quick turn round from capture to publication on social media.

The last meeting for this session was a visit by Barry Camera Club's current chairman, Roy Carr, whose presentation of images included coverage of a solo cycle ride to Morocco, which often went through very mountainous areas with varied personal experiences on the way, which he shared with the club.

The month started with the annual awards night, when one of Johnnie Rogers' unenviable tasks was to select the winner of winners from the year's monthly internal competitions.

Mike Davies was a worthy winner after a very successful year. But, as the photo shows, the club did not overlook the efforts of those members who provided refreshments on club night!

The annual general meeting was also held and club officers were elected for next year. The programme of weekly meetings has ended for this session, although the club members plan to meet up at various local events over the summer to capture images to share at meetings in September.

The programme for next session is already prepared (see www.vale-photographic-club.co.uk) and will again take place at Ystradowen Village Hall on Fridays, 7.15pm for 7.30pm start, when new members are always welcome.

Members are also preparing for the tented exhibition at the Vale Show on August 8.

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D of E gold for pupils

IN May this year, nine young people (including three current pupils) from Christ College in Brecon, Wales, attended a presentation in the gardens of Buckingham Palace.

There, they received their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Awards from television presenter Jennifer Jones, after sharing their experiences with TRH Prince William, Duke of Cambridge, Princess Eugenie of York, and Prince Edward, and the Earl of Wessex.

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From left: Ted Drinkell, Jack Stephens, Aisling Tarpey, Jessica Facey, Alice Lilley, Catie Masters, Tom Ashton, Nadia Pettit and Edward Harries.

Local drivers do better when it comes to passing their test

STATISTICS show that Bridgend county borough and Barry have a higher average pass rate than Great Britain's average.

Figures from the Driver and Vehicle Standards, show that people in the south Wales area have a higher chance of passing their practical tests.

Between April 2017 and March 2018, men and women from Bridgend had a 53.3 per cent and 48.9 per cent pass rate respectively. This is contrasted with Barry, with a pass rate of 65.9 per cent for men and 50.2 per cent for women.

Bridgend had a pass rate of 51 per cent whilst Barry had a pass rate of 56.6 per cent, both above Great Britain's 46 per cent pass average.

Despite the results suggesting otherwise, it appears that women stereotypically are better drivers - as seen in the pricing of insurance deals before 2012 where men had higher premiums as they were seen to have more accidents.

However come December 4 last year, the driving test was changed with candidates claiming that the new test is tougher than the last one.

Learners now must navigate for 20 minutes with a sat-nav, then explain how to test the brakes, clean the wind screen, and demist windows while driving.

However, this does not seem to affect the rookie drivers. In Barry, April 2017 with the new test, the pass rate was 49.3 per cent, less than the rate in March 2018. Whilst in Bridgend, the pass rate was 50.5 per cent, only slightly higher than in March 2018.

DVSA deputy chief driving examiner, Gorden Witherspoon, said: "DVSA's priority is to help everyone through a lifetime of safe driving. All candidates are assessed to the same level and the result of their test is entirely dependent on their performance on the day."

So if you want a chance at passing your test, you're best off in the Scottish Highlands in Golspie, where more than 75 per cent of learners were awarded their licences.

And stay away from the Paviliion in Birmingham, where less than a 33 per cent were successful, making it the toughest place to pass your test.

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Pixar sequel is most definitely Incredible!

IT seems to strange to think that when T*he Incredibles*, Pixar's superb film about a family of superheroes, was released in 2004, the comic-book genre had yet to boom.

It's surprising, then, that it's taken 14 years for a sequel to be made, but *The Incredibles 2* is now ready for action.

Picking up literally seconds after the end of the first film, Elastigirl (voiced by Holly Hunter) is tasked with bringing down evil after a billionaire brother and sister set out to make superheroes legal once more. Elastigirl's first task is to track down the mysterious Screen Slaver, leaving Mr Incredible (Craig T Nelson) to look after baby Jack-Jack and the rest of the family. However, things don't turn out as planned, and soon the Incredibles must stop the rise of Screen Slaver together…

Given how superhero films have changed the cinematic landscape since we first met *The Incredibles*, there would obviously be plenty of mileage in an animated feature that gently poked fun at the proliferation of super heroism.

Howeverm Pixar have decided that this is one universe that doesn't require extending or connecting, and, while picking up from the last beat of the first film requires a little bit of homework (not unpleasant in the slightest given how enjoyable the first film is), it gently unfurls itself into a sequel that is pretty (you guessed it) incredible.

by GARETH JAMIESON
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The machinations of the real world are always felt even in the world of animation, and whether it's just coincidence or attentive storytelling, this is a film that feels like it carries the issues of today.

On the one hand we have Elastigirl's move from wife and primary care giver to breadwinner and movement figurehead, while Mr Incredible has to change his skill set as he moves from fighting crime and bad guys to controlling a baby with burgeoning special powers and a daughter distraught that her crush has (quite literally) forgotten all about her.

That Pixar should reflect the diversity of the modern world within the film is wonderful enough, but it also provides a through point in the film that means the superhero bits perhaps don't connect so keenly.

The action sequences are delivered with ambitious élan, Brad Bird's forays into live-action direction with *Mission: Impossible – Ghost Protocol* and the amazing-yet-under-appreciated *Tomorrowland* bearing fruit, but, sadly, the villain of the film is too one-note, obvious and underwhelming,and therefore any sense of mystery and suspense within the main thread of the story ends up floundering.

What lifts the film, though, is the dose of reality you are given to wash down the heroism. The portrayal of the family unit struggling to come to terms with their own identities and roles, coupled with the dynamic changing, makes for compelling viewing, and Bird (who wrote the script) mines plenty of humour and pathos from this situation, peeking behind the veil of the lives of those who are super, and seeing what lies beneath.

The vocal cast are all superb, Craig T Nelson and Holly Hunter sublime as the family figureheads working out how to make things work out within the family, while the likes of Sarah Vowell (as Violet) and Samuel L Jackson as the returning Frozone are really enjoyable.

One of the standout characters of the first film, designer to the hero community, Edna Mode (voiced by Bird), gets her chance to shine here; given a little more room than her appearance in the first film, she oversees a standout sequence in her own idiosyncratic way and brings a little more levity to proceedings.

It may not push the boat too far out, as the best Pixar sequels do, but given its subtle handing of adult subject matter with enough playfulness to not lose the younger audience, *Incredibles 2* is a wonderfully superb film that lives up to its name.

VERDICT: Incredible in name, incredible in actuality, *Incredibles 2* is a superb sequel, losing points for some slightly predictable plotting and a bland villain, but crucially gaining points for its well attuned depiction of a family unit coming together and changing roles.

It's a film that, crucially, highlights that what makes a superhero is not necessarily stopping the villain, but doing the best for those who depend on you – and in that sense, it's a triumph.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Tomorrowland* (2016), *The Incredibles* (2004).

Local girl takes her play to the Fringe

A local girl, Alex Powell, is pursuing big city dreams, after submitting a co-written play to the Edinburgh Fringe.

Alex, a Peterston-super-Ely drama student, is renowned in the village for her lead roles in pantomimes, and has been doing so since she was a young teenager.

After years of hard work, Alex Powell has not only graduated from the Peterston stage to a London drama school, but is also taking a co-written play to the Edinburgh Fringe in the August of this year.

From playing Jack in *Jack and the Beanstalk* and Feste in *Twelfth Night*, to being recommended by family and friends to a theatre group to play Anne in *The Diary of Anne Frank*, Alex seems to have her future all set.

During a short interview with Megan Newberry, a writer for

Alexandra Powell is aiming high with a promising play.

The GEM, Alex's mother Diana said that Alex's parents are "doing what we can."

She said: "Alex always wanted to act when she was small." Her parents sought to encourage singing, dancing, and acting at any opportunity.

Alex belongs to a small but ambitious group called "Closed Door Theatre", made up of Alex Powell and Katie Levett (the co-writers for the play), Lexi Powell, Nia Powell, Will Hollingworth, and Rafei Barakat, and directed by Elliott Cass.

Though the play's main plot remains in the dark, the Just-Giving fundraiser page reveals that the play's main themes will be around the thin lines between romance and control.

Ms Powell revealed that the play is about "coercive control", something that has always interested Alex. as Alex has always been interested in social discussion.

Ms Powell stated that "she wants equality", and from the name of the theatre group to the play's inciting description, Alex and the 'Closed Door Theatre' promise to address not-talked-about topics.

The money raised on the Just-Giving fundraiser - a hopeful £4,600 - will be given to Women's Aid, a charity aiming to eradicate domestic violence.

Megan Newberry

Waltz with André

ONE of the most popular live acts in the world, the King of the Waltz, André Rieu and his 2018 Maastricht concert 'Amore, My Tribute to Love' will be screened live to the Memo's Big Screen this month.

These concerts take place in André's hometown of Maastricht, set against the backdrop of the Mediaeval town square. Fans flock annually to watch André perform with his 60-piece Johann Strauss Orchestra, as well as sopranos, tenors, and some very special guests.

'Amore – My Tribute to Love' will be shown at the Memo Arts Centre on Saturday, July 28, at 7pm and on Sunday, July 29 at 3pm.

For more information visit *www.memoartscentre.co.uk* or call the box office on 01446 738622.

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Epilepsy group meeting

DO you have epilepsy or care for a loved one or relative who has this condition?

Epilepsy Wales run a monthly outreach support group at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop in Holton Road, Barry. This will be held on Thursday, July 26 from 10.30am to 12 Midday.

You will be able to chat to a health care professional Lesley Williams from Epilepsy Wales and find out what is available in your local area. with support groups and advice.

No appointment is needed just come along.

Contact 01446 732385 for further information if needed.

What's on in your area

Benefits advice

DO you live in the Vale and need some advice on benefits such as pension credit, attendance allowance or housing benefit?

Age Connects Cardiff and Vale run a free Welfare Rights Service on Tuesday, July 31, from 9.30am to 11.30am at The Age Connects Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. No appointment is needed; just come along. For further information call 01446 732385. Home visits can be arranged if required.

Llantwit First surgery

LLANTWIT First Independent councillors will be holding a surgery at the Heritage Centre, Town Hall, Llantwit Major, on Saturday, July 21, from 9.30am until 11.30am. Residents who have any issue to raise are welcome to attend.

Ward councillors' surgery

THE Labour councillors for Buttrills, Cadoc, Castleland and Court wards will be holding their regular monthly advice surgery on Saturday, July 21, in the Small Community Room, Barry Library, Kings Square from 10am-11am.

No appointment is necessary.

Horticultural society

THE next meeting of the Llantwit Major Horticultural Society will be held on Wednesday, July 25, in Llantonian Hall, Llantwit Major at 7.30pm.

This will be the last meeting before the annual show which takes place on Saturday, August 18 at Llantwit Major Leisure centre.

The speaker this month will be discussing and giving advice on 'shrubs for small gardens'. New members and guests always welcome.

'Simply Listen' concert

A CONCERT of classical and musical theatre in aid of Mind, raising awareness of mental health, takes place on Friday, August 3 at 7.30pm in All Saints Church, Park Road, Barry.

The concert features professional singer Holly Bluett and guests. Tickets (£6) available on the door.

Lady skittlers required

THE Red Admiral Ladies Skittle Team are looking for players for the 2018/19 season.

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The Pencil Case – school uniform stockist

SCHOOLS break up for the summer this week and, although going back to school in September might seem forever away, the next six weeks will fly past!

Why not get all your back-to-school shopping done early this year – beat the inevitable mad crowds at the end of August, then enjoy the rest of the summer knowing you've already got everything sorted!

The Pencil Case on Eastgate in Cowbridge is the place to go – they are the official school uniform stockists for Cowbridge Comprehensive and all eight Cowbridge primary schools; Llancarfan, Llanfair, Llangan, Llansannor, Pendoylan, St David's Colwinston, Y Bont Faen and Ysgol Iolo Morganwg.

Owner Sally Stephenson said: "The Pencil Case is a real 'one stop school shop'. We have everything local parents and children need, from school-approved uniform to colourful stationery and back-to-school essentials like water bottles and sticky-backed plastic."

You can currently enjoy 20 per cent off top quality school shirts, trousers, skirts, shorts and summer dresses, suitable for all primary and secondary schools.

The offer only runs until July 31, so don't miss out on this fantastic money-saving offer!

When you have sorted out the back-to-school shopping, treat the children to some fun new stationery or colouring/sticker books then wander down to sister shop, The Toy Box on Willow Walk (next to Fablas ice cream parlour) for a new toy or game to keep them entertained over the summer.

The Pencil Case and The Toy Box are open from 9am until 5pm, Monday to Saturday.

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Dinas Powys play scheme returns

THE Dinas Powys Play Scheme – for children aged four to 11 – returns from July 30 until August 3 .

This scheme is organised and run by the Vale Council's sports and play officers on behalf of Dinas Powys Community Council and United Welsh Housing.

Sessions will be held at Murchfield Community Centre in Sunnycroft Lane from Monday to Thursday from 10am to 12 noon (games and activities) and at Caerleon Road Play Area from 1pm to 3pm (play activities with play rangers).

On the Friday, August 3, there will be a fun day for all the family at Murchfield Community Centre.

Registration takes place on the first day of the week Monday, July 31 and Tuesday, August 1 in the Murchfield Community Centre.

Tea and coffee will be available to parents on Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings.

There is no charge for the activities; just register on the Monday morning (July 30) at Murchfield Community Centre when tea, coffee, cold drinks and biscuits will be available for parents, carers and children.

Refreshments will also be available to parents on the Tuesday and Friday mornings.

The Fire Service from Penarth will be present on Monday and Tuesday and possibly on a number of other days, and Tesco have kindly offered a donation of fruit for the children during the Play Scheme.

There will be a 'walking bus', organised and supervised by the sports and play officers from Caerleon Road to Murchfield Community Centre, starting at 9.30am every morning during the play scheme.

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There are lots of organised activites laid on during the summer hols, but what could be better than exploring the miles of beaches, or the woods and hills of Bridgend and the Vale counties?

Holiday activities in Bridgend town centre

CLEAR your diaries for a range of fantastic free events in Bridgend town centre this summer.

From a dinosaur show for the little ones, to the Roots Street Festival, there will be something for everyone this summer at the events which have been organised by Bridgend County Borough Council and the CF31 Bid group.

Classic Car Show, July 21, 10am-4pm: Start your engines for the annual classic car show, which will feature a mix of classic cars from the '50s, '60s and '70s.

Families will be able to get up close to some golden oldies in this event which will also feature live entertainment, while the monthly street market and indoor market craft fayre will be held on the same day.

Dinosaur Show, August 9, 11am–5pm: Said to have been a 'roaring' success in the past, the show is storming its way back into the town centre.

Start your adventure watching the realistic animatronic dinosaurs, then check out the small interactive puppets and explore fossils.

Sound of Summer with Bridge FM, August 11–September 1, 11am–4pm: The streets will be jam-packed full of music every weekend until 1 September, with performances from budding musicians. Each performer will then be entered into a competition to win the chance to perform at the Roots Street festival.

Roots Street Festival, September 14, 11am–8pm: Alongside live music, there will be a variety of workshops available, activities to enjoy, circus acts to see and some delicious international cuisine to test your taste buds.

For more information on each event, or to keep up with current activities in Bridgend town centre, visit www.bridgendbid.com.

NB The first hour of parking in the Rhiw car park is free.

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Open-air theatre among summer highlights in Bridgend county

BRIDGEND County Borough Council (BCBC) has announced its summer programme of events and activities for children of all ages.

Activities include zorb football, pond dipping, *Tai Chi*, Nordic walking and *parkour* are just some of the 'ParkLives' activities taking place every weekday this summer.

Brackla Community Hub (Archbishop McGrath Catholic High School) and Parc Derwen Community Hub (Coety Primary School) will play host to a broad programme of 'B-actif' sessions.

A BCBC spokesperson said: "Children aged three to eight can keep active and explore their imaginations through a range of sport activities and series of quests through space, history and different landscapes."

Children aged eight to 12 can attend the 'Active 4 Life' schemes, which are returning to community venues. The weekday sessions, which are supported by local town and community councils, will feature a range of sports, games, arts and creative activities. Parents and carers will need to register their child when attending their first session.

There are also lots of activities available for the county borough's Welsh speaking youngsters. Menter Bro Ogwr is hosting a series of play schemes for children in Welsh medium education. Urdd is running a number of summer sports camps where children can learn new skills.

There will summer of outdoor theatre at Bryngarw Country Park. From *Peter Pan* to *Pride and Prejudice*, and from *The Reluctant Dragon* to *Much Ado About Nothing* (this production is set in November 1918 as Britain's fighting men return home), there are plenty of performances in store for everyone to enjoy.

The park's rangers will also be helping youngsters to discover what lies beneath the surface of the Bryngarw pond, with a series of pond dipping sessions.

The full School's Out programme of activities will be available at www.bridgend.gov.uk/schoolsout from July 20.

Summer fun on offer at the Amelia Trust Farm

AMELIA Trust Farm in the Vale of Glamorgan has a programme of fun themed days planned during the summer holidays for youngsters and families.

A spokesperson said: "Don't miss out on our new programme of special days running most weeks during the school holidays as well as the return of the very popular educational and fun animal clubs to include the return of the Donkey Club and the newly-launched Chicken and Egg Club.

"We will be holding two exciting new themed days for all the family to enjoy, including our very own Gnome and Fairy Fun Day, in honour of their cheeky resident gnome and fairies.

"This takes place during the first week of the holidays on Wednesday, July 25.

"There will be lots of wonderful activities for the kids to get involved in, including magical tractor rides, an enchanting wishing tree, make your own fairy soup, magical creatures fancy dress competition, face painter and bouncy castle, gnome and fairy trail and paint your own fairy door or mini gnome to take home."

The second themed day is the Teddy Bears' Day on the Farm, taking place on Wednesday, August 15. The day of teddy bears' antics and activities includes a teddy bear welfare check up and certificate with map to the secret woods, teddy tractor rides, a picnic on the park, teddy bear trail, and Happy Hands Music and Movement with the teddies (0 to five years old, siblings welcome).

Flour'd Up wood fired pizzas are back and will be on site for lunch at both events.

The Farm also has two special days planned, dedicated to celebrating two groups that you can often find enjoying the Farm – grandparents and dog walkers.

The spokesperson said: "On these days there will be some free activities, great deals on in the café.

"If you are interested in any of these events or clubs and need more information or to book certain activities, visit *www.ameliatrust.org.uk* or their Facebook page."

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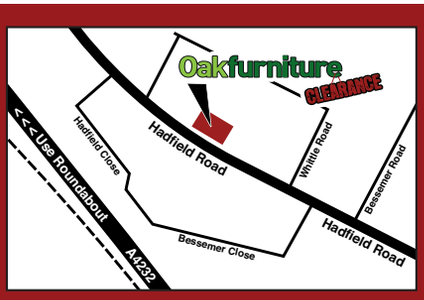

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HYSBYSIR DRWY HYN fod Cyngor Bro Morgannwg (y Cyngor) yn bwriadu gwneud y Gorchymyn Diogelu Mannau Cyhoeddus uchod dan Adran 59 o Ddeddf Ymddygiad Gwrthgymdeithasol, Troseddu a Phlismona 2014; am dair blynedd.

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3. Ymgynghori

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6. Atodlen A

- Sylwch fod y gwaharddiad ar gaeau chwaraeo a farciwyd a thraethau yn dymhorol.
- Mae 'x' yn y tabl yn dynodi bod y cyfyngiadau hyn yn bodoli ar hyn o bryd ac y bwriedir eu hadnewyddu yn unol â'r ddeddfwriaeth gyfredol
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Y Barri

Ardal	Gwaharddiad	Cŵn ar dennyn	Gwaredu baw ci
Gerddi Alexandra	Cwrt tenis/man chwarae	x	x
Parc Bassett	x		
Maes Botts			x
Maes Cadog			x
Parc Canolog	x		
Gerddi Cold Knap		x	x
Gerddi Coronation			x
Gerddi Upper Gladstone	Cwrt tenis/man chwarae/ardal gemau/maes bowlio	x	x
Gerddi Lower Gladstone		x	x
Parc Victoria	Man chwarae/maes bowlio/ardal gemau	x	x
Parc Dobbins Road	Ardal gemau		x
Parc Maslin	Man chwarae/caeau wedi eu marcio	x	x
Tir Agored Peterswell Road	Man chwarae		x
Parc Stringers	Man chwarae		
Royal Gardens		x	x
Parc Romilly	Cwrt tenis/man chwarae/maes bowlio		x
Tir Agored Porthkerry Road	Man chwarae/ ardal gemau		x
Parc Pencoedtre	Pad sblasio/ardal gemau/man chwarae/caeau wedi eu marcio		x
Gerddi'r Paréd			x
Llwyneliddon	Man chwarae		x
Parc Gwledig Porthceri	Man chwarae Ardal cadwraeth	Cwrs Golff Meysydd Parcio/ ardal caffi Bwthyn Nightingale a'r gerddi	x
Mynwent Porthceri		x	x
Parc Jenner	x		
Tir Agored Woodfield Heights			x
Tir Agored Davies Street			x
Man chwarae Amherst Crescent			x
Man chwarae Belvedere Crescent	Ardal gemau/man chwarae		x
Man chwarae Iol Place	Man chwarae/ Ardal gemau		x
Man chwarae Highlight Park	Man chwarae		x
Man chwarae Henry Street	Cwrt pêl fasged		x
Man chwarae Hatch Quarry	x		
Man chwarae Churchfield			x
Man chwarae Langlands Road			x
Man chwarae Meggitt Road	Man chwarae		x
Canolfan Chwaraeon y Barri, Caeau Chwarae Colcot	Caeau chwarae â marciau	x	x
Cae Chwarae Buttrills	Caeau chwarae â marciau		x
Cae Rygbi Merthyr Dyfan	Caeau chwarae â marciau		x
Smithies Field			x
Shears Field			x
Bendrick Road			x
Brenig Close	Man chwarae		x
Triongl Heol Caerdydd			x
Coigne Terrace	Man chwarae		
George Street	Man chwarae		
North Walk			x
Spring Street			x
Swyddfeydd Dinesig			x
Dryden Terrace	Man chwarae		x
Hywel Crescent			x
Myrtle Grove			x
Tir Agored Treetops			x
Stratford Green			x
Monmouth Way			x
Hunt Place, Hillary Rise			x
Aneurin Road			x
Rhodfa Clements Colley a Phentir Nell, Ynys y Barri			x
Redbrink Crescent			x
Cold Knap Beach	X 1 Mai - 30 Medi		
Bae Whitmore	X 1 Mai - 30 Medi	Promenâd 1 Mai – 30 Medi	x
Bae Jacksons a llwybr			x
Friars Point			x
Maes Parcio Harbwr y Barri			x
Maes bowlio Millwood	x		
Caeau Pêl-droed â marciau Severn Avenue	x		

Penarth

Ardal	Gwaharddiad	Cŵn ar dennyn	Gwaredu baw ci
Parc Alexandra	Man chwarae	x	x
Parc Belle View	Man chwarae/maes bowlio	x	x
Gerddi'r Esplanade		x	x
Y Cymin		x	x
Parc Trwyn Penarth			x
Sgwâr Plassey	Man chwarae		x
Gerddi Windsor		x	x
Eglwys yr Holl Saint			x
Parc Gwledig Llynnoedd Cosmeston	Ardal chwarae Ardaloedd cadwraeth	Maes parcio Llwybr bordiau Llwybr troed rhwng Llyn Gorllewinol a Llyn Dwyreiniol Pentref Canoloesol	x
Cliff Walk	Man chwarae		x
Llwybr Harbour View			x
Pier a Rhodfa Penarth	Gwaharddir y prif lwyfan 1 Mai - 30 Medi	x	x
Traeth Penarth	X 1 Mai - 30 Medi		x
Cae Hamdden Cogan	Man chwarae, caeau chwarae â marciau		x
Cae Hamdden Cwrt-y-vil	Man chwarae/ardal gemau/caeau chwarae â marciau		x
Cae Athletau Penarth	Caeau chwaraeon â marciau		x
Cae hamdden Wordsworth	Man chwarae		x
Man chwarae St Cyres	Man chwarae		
Man chwarae Golden Gate			x
Man chwarae Paget Road	Man chwarae/ardal gemau		

Y Bont-faen

Ardal	Gwaharddiad	Cŵn ar dennyn	Gwaredu baw ci
Man chwarae Aberthin			x
Bear Field	Caeau chwarae â marciau/ardal gemau		x
Parc Brookfield			x
Parc Poplars			x
Millfield Drive	Man chwarae		x
Caeau rygbi â marciau, Cae'r Heddlu	Cae chwaraeon â marciau		x

Y Sili

Ardal	Gwaharddiad	Cŵn ar dennyn	Gwaredu baw ci
Cae Chwaraeon Burnham Avenue	Maes bowlio/man chwarae/caeau chwarae â marciau		x
Man chwarae Elworthy Close	x		

Dinas Powys

Ardal	Gwaharddiad	Cŵn ar dennyn	Gwaredu baw ci
Tir Agored Caerleon Road			x
Tir Comin Dinas Powys			x
Parc Bryn-y-don	Caeau chwarae â marciau		x
Man chwarae Cae'r Odyn			x
Man chwarae Dryfla	x		
Man chwarae Nightingale Place			x
Man chwarae Seel Park	x		
George's Row			x
Cae Chwarae Murch	Ardal gemau/man chwarae/maes bowlio/caeau chwarae â marciau		x

Y Rhws

Ardal	Gwaharddiad	Cŵn ar dennyn	Gwaredu baw ci
Parc Hamdden Celtic Way	Maes bowlio/caeau chwarae â marciau/man chwarae		x
Tir Hamdden Ceri Road	Man chwarae/caeau chwarae â marciau		x
Parc Milburn		x	x
Tir agored Nurston Close	x		
Tir agored Smeaton Close			x
Man chwarae Stewart Road	x		

Llandochau

Ardal	Gwaharddiad	Cŵn ar dennyn	Gwaredu baw ci
Man chwarae Cogan Pill		x	x
Cae Chwarae Sibi V	Cwrt tenis/caeau chwarae â marciau		x

Gwenfô

Ardal	Gwaharddiad	Cŵn ar dennyn	Gwaredu baw ci
The Grange	Man chwarae		x
Caeau pêl-droed â marciau Station Road	Cwrt tenis/ardal gemau/caeau chwarae â marciau		

Llanilltud Fawr

Ardal	Gwaharddiad	Cŵn ar dennyn	Gwaredu baw ci
Man chwarae Trebeferad			x
Cwm Colhuw	X 1 Mai - 30 Medi	x	x
Caeau chwarae Windmill Lane	Caeau chwarae â marciau		x
Bedford Rise			x
Dyfrig/Seys Court	Man chwarae		x

Ardaloedd Eraill

Ardal	Gwaharddiad	Cŵn ar dennyn	Gwaredu baw ci
Ffern Goch Llangan	Man chwarae		x
Caeau chwarae Sain Tathan	Man chwarae/ardal gemau/caeau chwarae â marciau		x
Nant Canna Treoes	Man chwarae		x
Yr Hen Felin Llanmaes			x
Canolfan Gymunedol Sain Dunwyd	Caeau chwarae â marciau		x
St Owain's Crescent, Ystradowen	Ardal gemau		x
Craig Penllyn			x
The Green Llecwydd			x
Man chwarae Llyswyrny	x		
Bae Dwnrhefn Southerndown	X 1 Mai - 30 Medi		
Caeau pêl-droed â marciau Corntwn	x		
Caeau pêl-droed hamdden â marciau Saint y Brid	x		
Caeau Rygbi y Wig	Caeau chwarae â marciau		x

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Barry

Area	Prohibition (Ban)	Dogs on Leads	Remove Dog Faeces
Alexandra Gardens	Tennis court/play area	x	x
Bassett Park	x		
Belle Field			x
Cadoc Green			x
Central Park	x		
Cold Knap Gardens		x	x
Coronation Gardens			x
Upper Gladstone Gardens	Tennis court/play area/games area/bowling green	x	x
Lower Gladstone Gardens		x	x
Victoria Park	Play area/bowling green/games area	x	x
Dobbins Road Park	Games area		x
Maslin Park	Play area/marked pitches	x	x
Peterswell Road Open Space	Play area		x
Stringers Park	Play area		x
Royal Gardens		x	x
Romilly Park	Tennis court/play area/bowling green		x
Porthkerry Road Open Space	Play area/Games area		x
Pencoedtre Park	Splash pad/games area/play area/marked pitches		x
Parade Gardens			x
St Lythan's	Play area		x
Porthkerry Country Park	Play area Conservation areas	Car parks/café area Golf course Nightingale cottage and garden	x
Porthkerry Cemetery		x	x
Jenner Park	x		
Woodfield Heights Open Space			x
Davies Street Open Space			x
Amherst Crescent Play Area			x
Belvedere Crescent Play Area	Games area/play area		x
Iolo Place Play Area	Play areas/sports court		x
Highlight Park Play Area	Play area		x
Henry Street Play Area	Basketball court		x
Hatch Quarry Play Area	x		
Churchfield Play Area			x
Langlands Road Play Area			x
Meggitt Road Play Area	Play area		x
Barry Sports Centre, Colcot Playing Fields	Marked sports pitches	x	x
Buttrills Playing Field	Marked sports pitches		x
Merthyr Dyfan Rugby Ground	Marked sports pitches		x
Smithies Field			x
Stream Field			x
Bendrick Road			x
Brenig Close	Play area		x
Cardiff Road Triangle			x
Coigne Terrace	Play area		
George Street	Play area		
North Walk			x
Spring Street			x
Civic Offices			x
Dryden Terrace	Play area		x
Hwyel Crescent			x
Myrtle Grove			x
Treetops Open Space			x
Stratford Green			x
Monmouth Way			x
Hunt Place, Hillary Rise			x
Aneurin Road			x
Clements Calley Walk & Nells Point Barry Island			x
Redbrink Crescent			x
Cold Knap Beach	1st May – 30th Sept		x
Whitmore Bay	1st May – 30th Sept	Promenade 1st May – 30th Sept	x
Jacksons Bay & Footpath			x
Friars Point			x
Barry Harbour Car Park			x
Millwood Bowling Green	x		
Severn Avenue Marked Football Pitches	x		

Penarth

Area	Prohibition (Ban)	Dogs on Leads	Remove Dog Faeces
Alexandra Park	Play area	x	x
Belle View Park	Play area/bowling green	x	x
Esplanade Gardens		x	x
The Kymin		x	x
Penarth Head Park			x
Plassey Square	Play area		x
Windsor Gardens		x	x
All Saints Church			x
Victoria Park	x		
Cosmeston Lakes Country Park	Play area Conservation areas	Boardwalk Car park Footpath between Eastern Lake and Western Lake Medieval Village	x
Cliff Walk	Play area		x
Harbour View Pathway			x
Penarth Pier and Esplanade	Ban from main decking area 1st May – 30th Sept	x	x
Penarth Beach	x 1st May – 30th Sept		x
Cogan Recreation Ground	Play area/marked sports pitches		x
Cwrt-y-vil Recreation Ground	Play area/games area/marked sports pitches		x
Penarth Athletic Ground	Mark sports pitches		x
Wordsworth Recreation Ground	Play area		x
St Cyres Play Area	Play area		x
Golden Gate Play Area			x
Paget Road Play Area	Play area/games area		x

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Vale of Glamorgan Council (the Council) on a proposed Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) under Section 59 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014; for the duration of three years.

The Council seeks to create a PSPO by introducing dog controls as it has been established that certain activities carried out in specified public spaces have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality. These activities are, or are likely to be of a persistent or continuing nature, are or are likely to be unreasonable and justify the restrictions imposed by the final PSPO.

The Council will consult with partners, key stakeholders and the local community to establish an evidence base and support for the proposal. If the result of the consultation is supportive, the final PSPO will be based on these results in autumn 2018. For more information, view the following web page at; www.valeofglamorgan/PSPODogs

1. Proposed Dog Controls

1.1 A requirement for a person who is in charge of a dog, at that time, to remove its dog faeces from the specified areas.

1.2 A requirement for a person who is in charge of a dog, to put that dog on a lead in the specified areas.

1.3 A prohibition, excluding dogs from the specified areas.

2. Proposed Specified Areas

The proposed specified areas are listed in schedule A of this Notice. A copy of the maps may be inspected online at: www.valeofglamorgan/PSPODogs. There are also printed maps available, by appointment for viewing at: The Vale of Glamorgan Council, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry CF63 4RU.

3. Consultation

Any representation or objection to this proposed Order can be made via the following methods until 22 August 2018;

- Complete an online survey; www.valeofglamorgan/PSPODogs
- By e-mail; consultation@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk
- In writing and send to the address at the top of this Notice
- By telephone: 01446 700 111.

4. Exemptions

The proposed PSPO will not apply to a person;

4.1 Who is partially sighted or blind and registered under, Section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948

4.2 Who is registered as sight impaired, severely sight impaired or as having sight and hearing impairments, registered under 18 of the Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) Act 2014

4.3 Who has a disability which affects their mobility or any other disability, where the requirement of removing faeces would be unreasonable.

5. Working Dogs

Working dogs used for emergency search and rescue, law enforcement, HM armed forces and used for directing animals will be exempt.

Correspondence is welcomed in Welsh or English/Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg

6. Schedule A

- Please note that the prohibition on marked sports pitches and beaches are seasonal.
- An 'x' in the table denotes that these restrictions currently exist and are proposed to be renewed in line with

current legislation

- Please refer to the map of proposed areas for more detail.

Cowbridge

Area	Prohibition (Ban)	Dogs on Leads	Remove Dog Faeces
Aberthin Play Area			x
Bearfield	Marked sports pitches/games area		x
Brookfield Park			x
Poplars Park			x
Millfield Drive	Play area		x
Police Field Marked Rugby Pitches	Marked sports pitch		x

Sully

Area	Prohibition (Ban)	Dogs on Leads	Remove Dog Faeces
Burnham Avenue Sports Ground	Bowling green/play area/marked sports pitches		x
Elworthy Close Play Area	x		

Dinas Powys

Area	Prohibition (Ban)	Dogs on Leads	Remove Dog Faeces
Caerleon Road Open Space			x
Dinas Powys Common			x
Parc Bryn-y-don	Marked sports pitches		x
Cae'r Odyn Play Area			x
Dryla Play Area	x		
Nightingale Place Play Area			x
Seel Park Play Area	x		x
George's Row			x
Murch Playing Field	Games area/play area/bowling green/marked sports pitches		x

Rhoose

Area	Prohibition (Ban)	Dogs on Leads	Remove Dog Faeces
Celtic Way Leisure Park	Bowling green/marked sports pitches/play area		x
Ceri Road Recreation Ground	Play area/marked sports pitches		x
Milburn Park		x	x
Nurston Close Open Space	x		
Smeaton Close Open Space			x
Stewart Road Play Area	x		

Llandough

Area	Prohibition (Ban)	Dogs on Leads	Remove Dog Faeces
Cogan Pill Play Area		x	x
King George V Playing Field	Tennis courts/marked sports pitches		x

Wenvoe

Area	Prohibition (Ban)	Dogs on Leads	Remove Dog Faeces
The Grange	Play area		x
Station Road Playing Fields	x		
Station Road Marked Football Pitches	Tennis court/games area/marked sports pitches		x

Llantwit Major

Area	Prohibition (Ban)	Dogs on Leads	Remove Dog Faeces
Trebeferad Play Area			x
Cwm Colhuw	X 1st May – 30th Sept	x	x
Windmill Lane Playing Fields	Marked sports pitches		x
Bedford Rise			x
Dyfrig/Seys Court	Play area		x

Other Areas

Area	Prohibition (Ban)	Dogs on Leads	Remove Dog Faeces
Llangan Flemi Goch	Play area		x
St Athans Playing Fields	Play area/games area/marked sports pitches		x
Treoes Nant Caura	Play area		x
Llanmaes Old Mill			x
Welsh St Donats Community Centre	Marked sports pitches		x
Ystradowen St Owain's Crescent	Games area		x
Craig Penllyn			x
Leckwith The Green			x
Llysworney Play Area	x		
Dunraven Bay Southerndown	X 1st May – 30th Sept		x
Corntown Marked Football Pitches	x		x
St Brides Rec Marked Football Pitches	x		x
Marked Football Pitches Wick	x		x
Recreation Field Wick Marked Rugby Pitches	x		x

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Veterans on track for recovery

HELP for Heroes in Wales has planned a range of adrenaline-charged and more gently paced recovery experiences for Armed Forces personnel and veterans affected by their service.

In a packed calendar of activities across the country this summer, the charity will provide the opportunity for wounded, injured and sick servicemen and women to come together and improve their physical health and psychological wellbeing.

In the Vale, Help for Heroes' Community Recovery team, working with charity partners Mission Motorsport, have organised go karting sessions at South Wales Karting in Llandow.

Taking part in a karting session, Former Flight Sergeant Jeff Robinson (49), from Llantwit Major, said "The thrill of it is incredible. It's the first time I put a helmet on since I broke my back and neck. Because you're so low down, then even though you might only be doing 30, it feels like you're doing 50 miles an hour. The go karts are so responsive, they turn really quickly."

Jeff was discharged from the RAF in 2010. He said: "During my time serving, I sustained a number of serious injuries. Each time, it took longer and more support to recover."

The karting experience is just one element of the support Jeff has received from Help for Heroes.

"I did last year's Invictus games and I'm going again this year, doing wheelchair rugby. Help for Heroes have been phenomenal. I wasn't doing a great deal before I got involved with them and the opportunity came to trial for Invictus and it's gone on from there. I've gone back to study and I've gone back to work as well. It's been so positive."

In addition to special events including a canal boat trip in Brecon, dolphin spotting in west Wales and a Puffin Island cruise off Anglesey, the charity holds weekly training sessions for eligible veterans and serving personnel in Newport and Bridgend with activities including swimming, wheelchair tennis, cricket, circuit training and pilates, with further venues planned across Wales.

Help for Heroes' Sports Recovery Coordinator Nick Vanderpump said: "Help for Heroes is committed to providing on-the-ground support to veterans and serving personnel across Wales, in their community and at Sports Recovery events like the karting session in the Vale. We want those who have been affected by Service and their loved ones to know that we are here to support them in their recovery when they are ready."

With a first-class degree in Sports Science from Swansea University, Nick is currently completing an MSc in Sports Psychology from Loughborough University. He added: "We have a team of specialist key workers and clinical liaison staff who know what support is available to ex-forces personnel and are passionate about ensuring everyone gets a fair deal. We believe that those who put their lives on the line for us deserve a second chance at life for them and their families"

For more information about the support Help for Heroes offers veterans and serving personnel in Wales, email Wales.supporthub@helpforheroes.org.uk or visit https://www.helpforheroes.org.uk/get-support/how-to-access-our-services/recovery-in-wales.

Also, watch this video: https://youtu.be/PM-6yNXR2hA.

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NEWS FROM THE FONMON APIARY

'Honey, it's okay'

THE continuation of the warm settled conditions is certainly finding favour with the bees.

Space is paramount at this time and if you do not have the frames and super boxes on hand to give the required room for an expanding colony, you will suffer the consequences i.e. swarming!

On examining the brood area of each colony, I can observe hundreds of eggs and larvae and, of course, vast amounts of sealed brood that will very shortly emerge as new bees.

The foragers (the ladies) are bringing home lots of pollen and nectar and the house bees must have storage space available to accommodate this incoming bounty.

What is the makeup of these frames? Well, they are in the main made up of wood into which has been inserted a thin sheet of genuine beeswax which has the shape of the cells (hexagon) imprinted upon it – a foundation.

The house bees will set to work producing wax from their bodies, drawing out the hexagon shapes into storage space.

An established beekeeper will have frames that are already drawn out and have seen previous use. The house bees will clean and polish these units and make them ready to receive eggs, nectar or pollen.

The bees do all the deciding as to what will go where, not the beekeeper.

A colony of honeybees is a very well organised unit. When the brood area of the hive is well provided for, extra pollen and nectar is stored separately by the bees.

To ensure that the queen bee does not gain access to this area and commence laying eggs, the beekeeper will introduce a barrier. A queen excluder is made up of slotted steel sheets. The slots are too small for the queen to pass through, but the house bee and foragers can easily negotiate this barrier.

So will there be honey for tea? It is looking very likely. With some 60,000 bees per colony working dawn till dusk, I am daring to start counting my chickens already.

By the way, it is nectar that comes in. The bees work their magic on it and transform it into honey. Take note – you must keep up with the bees. They will not wait because the football is on.

Extracting the honey from the frames requires the beekeeper to be as well organised as the bees. **Harold Williams**

Llangan School

ON July 17, reception to year-1 pupils visited Bryngarw Park for a mini beast hunt and some pond dipping.

The school will bid farewell to the year-6 pupils on Friday, July 20. The school will also present achievement awards at this concert. The leavers' service will begin at 9.15am

COMMUNITY NEWS

TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL

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Young at Heart Club

PLEASE note, there will be no Young at Heart Club meeting on July 19).

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Lyndhurst House, Wick

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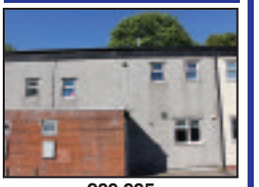

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A bitter-sweet day at Heol-y-Cyw Primary School as the bell rings for the last time

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WHEN Heol-y-Cyw Primary closed its doors for the last time, past pupils and teachers were invited to come along for a party, which started when the bell was rung for the last time at the end of the school day.

Grown-ups introduced themselves to teachers they had not seen since their schooldays, and there was even time for a 'whole school' picture - *see page 1*.

ABOVE: One family. Four generations. All former pupils!

A bumper Bridgend Show

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THE side-saddle equestriennes were as elegantly thrilling as ever, and just as usual, the tractors brought a smile to all.

The crowds flocked to see the birds of prey, and the axemen cameth.

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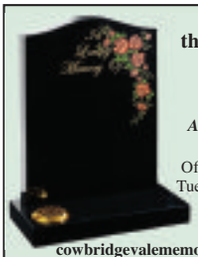

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FIELD
Reginald Clive

Suddenly after a short illness on Sunday, 8th July 2018 in the I.C.U., University Hospital of Wales with his family, around him, passed away. Clive was the devoted husband of Pat, much loved dad of Michael, Richard, Sky-Marie and the late baby Adele. Adored Lampy of Nicole, Olivia and Cerys. Special God-daddy to Ellis and Mollie.

His passing has been a shock to his family and friends and will be sadly missed.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Monday, 30th July, service 10.45am at St Peter's Church Rhoose, followed by Cremation 12 noon at Cardiff & Vale Crematorium, Port Road, Barry.

Family flowers only, donations in lieu to I.C.U. University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff c/o funeral director. Casual attire optional.

AKERS
Peter James

Peacefully on 29th June at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff, Peter, devoted husband of Pat, much loved dad to Keith, Richard and the late Jeffery. Special father-in-law of Serena and Andrea. A loving bampi to the late Chris

Service to take place at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Wednesday 25th July at 11am. Family flowers only. Donations to be sent to The Dogs Trust in memory of Peter.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Directors 01446 407962

HOPKINS
Brian

Brian, suddenly but peacefully, died on 11th July 2018, aged 71 at Llandough Hospital. A loving husband of Pat and will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service in celebration of his life at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Monday, 30th July at 2pm. Family flowers only please. If desired, donations may be made to Ty Hapus, Holton Road, Barry.

FRAYLING
Ronald Henry (Rocking Ron)

Suddenly on 7th July 2018 in Spain. A memorial service will be held at Holy Cross Church, Saturday, 21st July at 11am.

He will be sadly missed by family and friends.

No flowers. Donations to Cystic Fibrosis.

Pat (Ronald's partner)

HARDING
Gordon Ivor William

Suddenly on 4th July 2018, Gordon of Llanmaes, dearly beloved husband of the late Gillian much loved dad of Debbie and Tracey and father-in-law to Rob and Alan. Adored bampy of Matt, Sophie, Ander, James and Jess.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service in the Chapel of Rest on Wednesday, 25th July at 11.45am, followed by Committal at Coychurch Crematorium at 1.15pm.

Flowers may be sent to the funeral home.

HARDMAN
John Jack Rikki

Peacefully in his sleep with his family present on 8th July 2018, Jack, aged 88 years. Beloved husband of Margaret, very much loved father and grandfather.

Jack will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

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No flowers by request donations in lieu if so desired for Friends of Glamorgan Heritage Coast c/o the Funeral Director.

PALMER
Alan John (Arnold)

Peacefully on 9th July 2018 at Llandough Hospital, Alan, aged 71 years. Beloved husband of Debbie, father of David, Bronya and the late Katy.

Alan will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Monday, 23rd July at 3pm. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if so desired, for Marie Curie Hospice Penarth c/o the Funeral Director. Colourful attire to be worn.

GUNN
Allen George

Peacefully at University Hospital of Wales Cardiff on 10th July 2018, Allen, aged 91 years, dearly loved husband of Shirley, loved brother of Irene and the late Joan and Doreen. Loved uncle to his nieces and nephews.

Allen will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium on Thursday, 26th July at 10am. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if so desired, for Ty Hafan Childrens Hospice c/o the funeral director.

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Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until his service at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Wednesday, 25th July at 1pm.

Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service to support Marie Curie in memory of Mark.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Ben Hartery. Further enquiries by telephone 01446 407962

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EDWARDS
Elizabeth Victoria

Jason, Clive, Heather, Josh and Laura would like to say thank you for the lovely cards, messages of condolence and donations to Marie Curie Hospice and Bowel Cancer Research UK.

Thank you also to the many hundreds who came to the funeral service to celebrate Lizzy's life. We were overwhelmed by the numbers in attendance, who thought so highly of our precious Lizzy, our angel taken from us far too soon.

A huge thank you to Father Craig Vaughan for leading such a beautiful tribute and uplifting funeral service.

A big thank you also to Andrew Thomas of Thomas Brothers Funeral Service, for their support and kindness throughout.

CURRIE
Brian

Mary, Jane and Anita would like to thank family and friends for their support, cards and messages at this sad time. Also to everyone who was able to attend the celebration of Brian's life.

Special thanks to Dr. Rayani, district nurses and Marie Curie Day and Night Home Care, A.G. Adams Funeralcare and Kate Weston who took the humorous ceremony.

SMALL
Roger

Muriel and her family would like to thank relatives, friends, neighbours and work colleagues for the support and messages of sympathy received after the sad loss of Roger and for their attendance at the funeral.

We also gratefully thank Father Craig and JR & MF David, Funeral Directors, for their sensitivity, caring and kindness.

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Anne (Fowler) partner to Doug for 17 years, wishes to thank the Medical Staff at Llandough Hospital, Velindre Hospital and Marie Curie Hospice for their care and compassion for Doug before his death.

Also for all the love and support from family and friends over the past months.

My thanks also for all the sympathy cards and for the love shown by the many friends and family who attended his funeral.

He will be missed.

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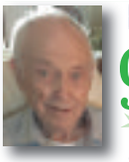

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Keeping alive an ancient tradition

THERE are many charming things about the little 13th and 15th century St Curig's Church building in Porthkerry.

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But one thing that makes it rather unique is that its outer stone walls are protected against the weather by a very ancient and fast-disappearing craft – every year, the building has to be lime washed.

Until the 19th century, most of the ancient buildings in Wales were protected in this way, but it started to become unfashionable in the Victorian era when an appetite for a more Gothic look became the trend and bare stone took hold.

Bare stone may be attractive to look at, but in a place where there is so much wind and rain such as the coast of the Vale, it has its problems. Over time, it can render these old buildings unusable as they become riddled with damp.

When the church at Porthkerry was given a restoration grant by Cadw, it was one of their conditions that the building be once again lime washed for its future protection.

At Porthkerry, not only is this tradition being kept alive, it is keeping alive the tradition of how it is done by calling on people to come along and lend a hand.

If you have no connection with the church and are curious to learn more about this ancient craft, or just enjoy looking around ancient buildings and want to play a part in their preservation, come along.

Last year, members of the congregation came together and either grabbed a paint brush or brought along home prepared sandwiches, pies, cakes and drinks. There was even a barrel of real ale which as passed around the thirsty workers once the job had been done!

The event will take place on Saturday, July 28 at 10am at the St Curig's Church. Everyone will receive overalls, gloves, protective goggles, a full safety briefing and an instructional talk. There will also be an opportunity to see how the lime wash is made.

If you wold like to find out more, call our Church Warden; Graham Loveluck-Edwards on 07711 118826. All are welcome, but due to safety concerns we would rather that any children actually having a go at lime washing are over 14.

Get snapping! Sea views sought for Shipwrecked Mariners' charity photo contest

THE National maritime charity, the Shipwrecked Mariners' Society, is once again on the lookout for photographers in Wales to submit their favourite images honouring Britain's proud maritime heritage, for its annual competition searching for the UK's ultimate sea view.

Launched to mark national Seafarers Awareness Week on June 23-30, the Society's Maritime Photographic Competition, sponsored by the Fishmongers' Company and supported by Nautilus International, encourages photographers, both amateur and professional, to enter pictures that capture the essence of Britain's enduring connection with the sea – its merchant ships, fishermen, coast, harbours and ports.

Celebrating its 179th year, the society is searching for standout images relating to all aspects of the UK's historic relationship with the sea, including ships and wrecks, seascapes, industry and leisure.

Photographs should be submitted through the society's website, *www.shipwreckedmariners.org.uk* before the deadline on Monday, August 13. Photographers can also enter their pictures via email, post or the Society's social media channels.

The competition will again be judged by a prestigious panel of experts, including Sunday Times picture editor, Ray Wells, group editor of Amateur Photographer Magazine, Nigel Atherton, picture editor of the *i*, Sophie Batterbury and the chief executive of the Shipwrecked Mariners' Society, Captain Justin Osmond RN.

Discussing the competition, Captain Osmond said: "The beauty of our competition is that it gives people the chance to tell their personal stories of the sea via stunning photography that can be enjoyed by all."

The Shipwrecked Mariners' Society supports fishermen, merchant mariners and their dependants who are suffering financial hardship, through accident, ill health, unemployment or in retirement after a life spent working at sea. A total of over £1.4 million was paid in grants over the last year in 2,000 cases of need.

To enter the competition and for the chance to win the prize of £500 of photographic equipment vouchers, visit www.shipwreckedmariners.org.uk or the Society's Facebook or Twitter pages www.facebook.com/shipwreckedmariners and @ShipwreckedSoc.

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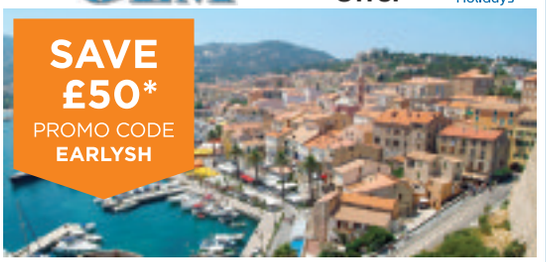

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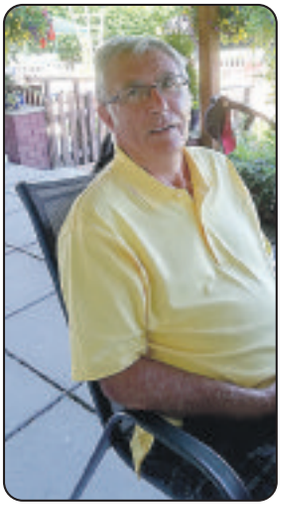
A sunny day at St Athan GC means it's just perfect for the lady captain's day

LAST week's GEM had room for a report from St Athan Golf Club lady captain's day, when Liz Thomas welcomed members to a day of competition and family fun!

We had no room for some of the pictures of the day, but we are delighted to catch up this week!



Revenge for Sully Sports ladies against Cardiff

The latest results for Sully Sports Bowls Club have been excellent, and although the men won their two games, the ladies take pride of place when they toppled Cardiff from the head of the table with a crushing victory.

The ladies' avenged their earlier heavy away defeat in Cardiff and in doing so replaced them at the top of the league.

Carol Jenkins' rink were 12-1 up after only five ends stretching it to 24-6 after 15 ends, and putting the finishing touches with a 4 and 6 shot gain on the final two ends, to chalk up an impressive 34-8 win.

Skip Steff Parker's absence meant that the ladies' second rink were handicapped, having only three players, and under replacement skip Linda Woodcock, the rink fought valiantly, winning the first four ends, then keeping the scores very close throughout. They were one shot down with four ends to play, but conceded six shots on the next two ends, and despite winning the final two ends, they went down by 18-14, and after the deduction penalty for not having a full rink, the final score was 18-10.5, which meant that Sully Sports won the aggregate 44.5- 26.

Rink scores: S Phillips, M Smith, M Dare, C Jenkins – 34-8; C Harries, R Williams, L Woodcock – 10.5-18.

Men's team at Penarth

Sully Sports Men's Bowls Club visited close neighbours Penarth on July 7, in the PG1s, and the game was closely fought on all rinks, with the aggregate score ending up a 72-72 draw, but the Sports winning on three rinks to take the match 10-6 on points.

G Brown's rink lost a shot on the first, led until the 15th, and were four shots behind with four ends left, all of which they won, to record the narrowest of wins 18-17.

The lead changed hands several times on B Matthews' rink, but a fine run by the home side between the 10th and 18th ends saw them eight shots up with three to play, ----but the Sports cut the deficit by four shots in those final ends, with an important two on the last which proved so vital in the overall aggregate score.

Almost the reverse occurred on K Romans' rink, leading from the first end, in a low scoring and close encounter, they led by five with three ends left, and a home revival saw them take all three ends but come up agonisingly one shot short, with the Sports taking it 17-16.

C Coomber's rink, after initially going behind in the earlier ends, worked hard to establish a 15-9 lead after 15 ends. Penarth fought back to score eight shots in the next three ends to lead by two with three ends left, but the Sports won all those with two singles and a two, to win 19-17.

Rink scores: M Morgan, A Thompson, A Collard, G Brown– 18-17; B Knight, P Holland, A Middleton, R Matthews – 18-22; L Adams, B Whyman, G Currie, K Romans – 17-16; D Austin, P Robbins, C Spillane, C Coomber – 19-17.

Sports v Cadoxton

On July 11, the Sports hosted Cadoxton in the Munro Cup, and took maximum points over their old rivals, winning on all rinks to record an aggregate 75-40 victory.

G Brown's rink lost four shots on the first end, but then restricted the visitors to only three singles in the remaining 14 ends to run out 24-7 winners.

Rob Matthews' rink led from the start and comfortably took an 18-9 rink win.

K Romans' rink were 6-1 done after four ends, and 9-4 down after eight, but then took control by winning six of the remaining seven ends for a 16-10 win.

L Romans' rink raced off to an 11-1 lead after five ends, only for the visitors to mount a mighty fightback, and entering the final end, the Sports led by a single shot, and keeping their cool they scored 2 shots to win 17-14.

Next Saturday, July 21, Sully Sports visit Pentyrch in the PG1s, and then host Belle Vue in the Munro Cup on July 25.

New members are always welcome, whether experienced players or beginners, just turn up at the club, or contact Peter Holland (men's sec) Tel 01446 622490, or Mary Dare (ladies' capt) Tel 01446 732994.

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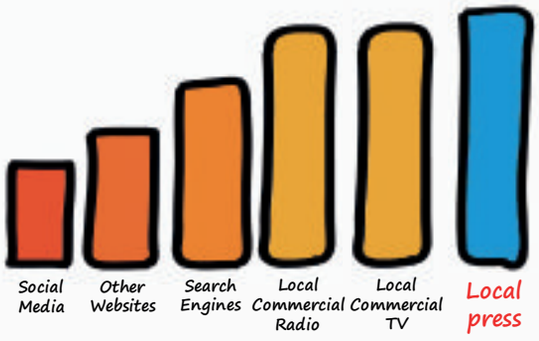

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For Millwood bowlers, it's 'sprinklers stop play' at Roath

AT Millwood Bowls Club, Wednesday was the weekly instalment of the Munro Cup – this week's visitors Cowbridge – and on another hot sunny evening battle was joined with the early skirmishes evenly spread between the teams

However, Brian Crockford and Alan Anniss soon lost sight of their opponents and lost 22–11 and 17–9 respectively

Elsewhere, Alan Bumford took control of his rink from the word go and ran out comfortable winners 29–10.

Meantime, Peter Taylor got off to a good start and led 9–1 after four ends but dropped six shots on the fifth end. He pulled away to lead 21–16 on the 15th end but then dropped five shots on the last three ends to tie 21–all.

This tied the the team scores at 70 shots each but Cowbridge, having won two rinks to Millwood's one and one tied, took eight points to Millwood's six.

Saturday saw the A team host Llantwit Major A at Millwood. Dave Lewis, Des Cameron, Stan Hopkins and Paul Childs got off to a sluggish start from which they did not recover, losing 28–12.

Derek Gorringe, Mickey Lucas, Dave Bourne and Gary Smith had a 'give nothing away' encounter with their opponents, with the lead see-sawing between the teams before a two on the final end.gave the home rink a win by 22–20.

Over on rink four, Tony Williams. Alan Bickley, Harry Hodgkinson and Mike Williams took control from the start and ran out easy winners 36–10

On rink five, Keith Davies, Simon Jodrell, Terry Mullins and Roger Wills were finding it hard going against determined opposition and trailed for most of the game before a run of eight shots over four ends settled the match in the home team's favour by 22–17.

This gave the overall victory to Millwood by 92–75, taking 12 points to two.

Millwood club side travelled to Roath Park to play Fair Oak in a Division 3 fixture under sunny skies and on a green with some tricky runs on it, the Millwood rinks took some time to adjust but adjust they did.

By the tea interval were leading on two rinks, level on one and down in the fourth. For once, the tea break seemed to work in our favour and all rinks picked up the pace and by the time the sprinklers unexpectedly came on at 5.15pm, causing mayhem not only for the teams but also for passers-by, Millwood had taken the lead on three rinks and were down on one.

After a discussion between both captains it was decided to abandon the game with Millwood leading by 62–42 and three rinks to one, taking 12 points in the process. It was a welcome uplift from the two previous narrow defeats. Well done to all concerned

BH

LLANTWIT SUFFER AWAY DEFEATS IN TRIPLES MATCHES

Llantwit Major men's bowls team were defeated in a Rockwool Triples league match against Maesteg Welfare, although they did win on one rink and were only two shots down on two others.

The best performers were Stuart Comer, Graham Snowdon and Paul Brown who took the first five ends by one shot per end and managed a couple of fours to end up winners by 19–17.

Mike Eveleigh, Ambrose Horgan and John Nixon enjoyed a close tussle, eventually going down by 17–19.

Ken Williams, Geoff Timms and John O'Brien also had a close game, culminating in a 13–15 defeat.

John Crane, Graham Merchant and Mike Harmon had a rare off night and went down heavily by 26–9, for an overall result of 58–72.

Another triples match followed at Aberkenfig and sadly it was another away defeat. Stuart Comer, Graham Snowdon and Mike Harmon put in a good shift and were narrowly beaten by 10–12.

Ian Williamson, Geoff Timms and John O'Brien put in a great effort after conceding seven shots on the third and fifth ends but despite scoring a four on the 10th end, couldn't quite do it and ended up losing 16–21 .

Ken Williams, Mike Jones and Eric Sparks started well and took the first five ends but the home side rallied and scored a number of threes and fours to run out victors by 13–24.

Sadly, Mike Eveleigh, Mike Hughes and Paul Brown never really got going and went down 8–25, for an overall result of 47–82.

A hot sunny Saturday afternoon saw Llantwit A make the short trip to Millwood A for a Cardiff and District Municipal League Division 6 match.

Llantwit played with one player short and inevitably John Bailey, Lyn Fry and Pat Twomey lost 10–36 despite putting up a valiant effort, winning on four ends.

Mike Eveleigh, Dave Johnes, Ambrose Horgan and Paul Brown had a closely-fought game resulting in a 17–22 loss.

Cen Williams, debutant Tony Burt, Mike Jones and Graham Snowdon also enjoyed a tight encounter resulting in a 20–22 narrow defeat.

Ken Williams, Richard Bayliss, Dave Post and John O'Brien put in the performance of the day, taking the lead on the third end to end up with a superb 28–12 victory. Overall result 75–92. Many thanks to Millwood for the post match salad.

Finally a correction, in the Llantwit v Bridgend triples match report the result of Stuart Comer, Mike Jones and Mike Hughes was recorded as a 15-16 loss, this should have read a 16-15 win, apologies gentlemen!

PB

VoG bridge results

THE results for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for July 16 are as follows:

First, Glyn Williams and Vida Halford, 64.39 per cent; second, Mike Best and Kevin Maddox, 62.12; third, Tony Ratcliff and Julian Pottage 62.04.

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COWBRIDGE JUNIOR HOCKEY CLUB LOOKS BACK ON A VERY BUSY YEAR

Cowbridge Junior Hockey Club held its inaugural end-of-season awards ceremony and barbecue last week, with over 50 of the juniors, along with parents, siblings and other supporters, celebrating the successes of the past year.

Club chairman Graeme Jones opened the evening by congratulating all of the players for their hard work and commitment over the season.

There were successes across the age ranges, including the under-9 team taking fourth place in their first ever South Wales Hockey Plate Competition, but most importantly, the players have all had the chance to play in lots of matches, collectively score lots of goals, and have had lots of fun!

All the players received certificates in recognition of their participation, and a number of awards for individual performances were presented.

These included 'Coaches Player of the Year' for Nia Williams (under-9), Alys Evans (under-11), Isabel McCarthy (under-13) and Alex Fenner (under-15). Player's player awards went to Lottie Smale (under-9), Nell Gale (under-11), Pippa De Wilde (under-13), and Natasha Donnithorne (under-15).

'Clubman of the Year' recognises the dedication and commitment of a member of the club, and this was awarded to Pippa Kestle, who has worked tirelessly to organise the players and keep the club going over this past year.

A special mention should also be given to Celyn Roberts, for her support and work behind the scenes as the under-15 team manager.

The final award of the evening, the Pete Hardwick Award, was awarded to the player who most embodies the spirit of the sport; dedicated, encouraging to others, and loves to play hockey!

The inaugural Pete Hardwick award was presented to Isabella Calcaterra by Jane and Graeme Jones, Pete's daughter and son in law.

Training will resume on Tuesdays at Cowbridge Comprehensive in September. Cowbridge Junior Hockey Club is open to boys and girls aged between 6 and 16.

The club always welcomes new players, supporters and helpers – if your child is interested you can find more details on our Cowbridge Junior Hockey Club Facebook page, or contact us by email (cowbridgejuniorhc@hotmail.com).

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The under-11s.

The under-9s.

The under-15s

The under-13s.

'Perfect conditions' for Romilly Bowls

THE recent warm, dry weather provided the perfect conditions for the Romilly Bowls Club Invitational Triples Competition on July 8.

Twenty three sides, consisting of teams from the local leagues and surrounding areas, were welcomed to Romilly Bowls Club. They all thoroughly enjoyed the competition and a terrific atmosphere of camaraderie ensued.

The majority of games were closely contested.

Congratulations go the ladies of Romilly Bowls Club, who, between playing their matches, also provided meals for all the players.

The barbecue proved to be a popular eating area which was run by Terry Bloomfield and his two charming assistants, Mary Bloomfield and Carol Doyle. Thanks go to Alfie Woolcock for his hard work running the bar throughout the event.

The final of the group winners was an exceptionally close match. The team from Llantrisant overcame the mixed team from Romilly Bowls. The group runners up saw a team from Cardiff, Sophia Gardens, beat a team of combined players from Barry Athletic and Cadoxton.

The Romilly Bowls Club chairman, Graham Cogbill, thanked everyone for supporting the event and extended a warm invitation to all teams to return next year.

The new members of Romilly Bowls Club were thoroughly impressed by the professional manner in which the committee had organised the day.

If anyone is interested in taking up the game contact club secretary, Paul James, at Romilly Bowls Club.

JK

Sun shines on lady vice-captain's day

Silver winner Robbie Lee with Jo Kirkpatrick.

Bronze winner Liz Taylor with Jo Kirkpatrick.

On Tuesday, July 10, the sun shone again for Brynhill Golf Club ladies vice-captain Jo Kirkpatrick's prize day.

After putting on the sun lotion and stocking up on water, 35 lady golfers played a stableford competition over 18 holes.

The ladies then returned to the club in the evening, for the vice-captain's presentation of beautiful Annie Haak bracelets to the winners of the day.

The silver division winner was Mrs Robbie Lee with 33 points, and runner-up was Mrs Ann Phillips with 31.

The bronze division winner was Mrs Liz Taylor with 41 points, and runner-up was Mrs Jenny Pateman with 39.

A fabulous raffle was then drawn before Jo concluded the evening by thanking ladies captain Mrs Sam Pascoe, and everyone for playing in the heat and attending her presentation evening. Jo, thanked the bar staff and greens staff and everyone who helped make her day special.

LT

Belle Vue bowls report

ON July 11, Belle Vue were soundly beaten on a very dry, fast green by Barry Athletic in the Munro Cup.

Rink two had the heaviest loss 39-3 shots. Lead was Paul Booth, number two Dave Smith, number three Dave Rappitt and skip was John Whitfield.

Rink three had an honourable draw 16 shots each with lead Dave Bradley, number two was Richard Brant, number three Len Flower and skip was Trevor Ford.

Rink four lost 11-25 – lead was Frank Keen, number two Gordon Ford, number three was our captain and skip was a rare attendance of our chairperson, Dave Puser who came to our aid for which we are very grateful.

Rink five lost 14-25 with lead Mike Owens, number two Cameron Patterson who was home from univesity, number three was Graham Duggan and skip was Barrie Bagwell.

Barry had 13 points to Belle Vue's one. It was nice to see a few old faces and everyone enjoyed a good evening of bowls. thanks to Barry Athletic for their hospitality.

FRANK KEEN

Sully and Rhoose bowlers are distracted by events in Moscow

SULLY Bowling Club (The Villagers) suffered their first set back for a few weeks on Saturday at home to Ynysangharad, but more was to follow.

On Wednesday evening, against a strong team from Rhoose Bowling Club on a football affected night, more were interested in England's game than playing bowls, so a few ends were trimmed to enable the second half to be watched live in the 'Wendy House'.

On five ends with two rinks up Sully were three up 21-18, and at 10 ends much the same 46-37.

Sully kept the game tight with some good bowling and ran out 69-57 winners against a good Rhoose side with two rinks each:

Rink scores: E Pryer, D Curtin, A Smith, B Griffiths 24-10; K Mahoney, P Neale, D Curtis, 16-9; D Davies, B Dascombe, H Thomas H Levick Jones 14-16; A Kelly, R Fitzjohn, T Murphy, D Edwards 15-22.

Saturday was not a pleasant day on the green – too few good bowls and lots of bad ones was the order of the day.

The heat seamed to take a toll on the bowlers and shots where dropped regularly.

On 10 ends, The Villagers where only nine down and at 15 ends they were still in with a chance at 13 down.

However, the last few ends rained shots against, giving a result of 66-97.

There are two away games this week at Windsor on Wednesday and a trip to Trelewis on Saturday.

Must do better is the order off the day, but it won't be easy at these high-flying clubs.

Rink scores: A Smith, D Curtin, M Hardy, B Griffiths 14-26; H Thomas, B Dascombe, T Murphy, D Edwards, 14-26, A Rees, H Levick Jones, D Hotchkiss, F Phillips 11-30, G John, R Fitzjohn, J Best, D Curtis 27-19.

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16 65 BMW 116D Sport 5dr automatic, BMW warranty Feb 2019, sat nav, reverse camera, 18"alloys, black **£13995**

15 65 BMW 420D M Sport XDRIVE Gran Coupe automatic, BMW warranty Sep 2018, M Sport plus pack, 19"alloys, head-up display, sat nav, privacy glass, 38k, Valencia orange, full oyster leather **£22995**

15 15 BMW 640 DM Sport Gran Coupe 4dr automatic, M sport plus pack, reverse camera, 20"Alloys, full leather, choice **£24995**

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16 16 BMW 220i Luxury Active Tourer 5dr, BMW warranty April 2019, sat nav, heated seats, 15k, silver, full leather **£17495**

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16 16 BMW 420 DXDRIVE M Sport Gran Coupe 5dr automatic, 19"alloys, widescreen sat nav, 23k, met grey, full leather..**£22995**
16 65 BMW 420D XDRIVE D M Sport Gran Coupe 5dr (190bhp), BMW warranty Feb 2019, widescreen sat nav, Bluetooth, privacy glass, full leather, 23k, grey **£19995**
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16 16 BMW 520 D M Sport 4dr automatic (190bhp), sat nav, 20"alloys, 18k, white, full leather **£20495**
17 17 BMW 520 D M Sport 4dr automatic (New Model) BMW warranty June 2020, sat nav, 18"alloys, 8k, black, full leather **£26995**

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16 16 BMW 520 D M Sport Estate automatic, BMW warranty July 2019, sat nav, panoramic sunroof, 18"alloys, 24k, black, full leather **£20995**

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14 14 BMW 520D M Sport Gran Turismo 5dr, pro nav, 20"alloys, panoramic roof, 40k, white, full leather **£19495**

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16 16 BMW 640i SE Coupe 2dr automatic, BMW warranty March 2019, service pack, sat nav, 18"alloys, 5k, black, full leather **£25995**
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16 66 BMW 640D M Sport 2dr automatic, BMW warranty Jan 2020, 19"alloys, sat nav, 6k, full white ivory leather..... **£29995**

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14 14 MINI PACEMAN 1.6 COOPER 3dr (Chili & TLC Pack) 19"alloys, Bluetooth, 28k, blue, full leather **£9995**

14 14 MINI PACEMAN 1.6 Cooper S ALL4 3dr (190bhp)(Chili & TLC Pack) 18"alloys, heated seats, Bluetooth, black, full leather..... ..... **£10495**

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17 17 MINI CLUBMAN 1.5 COOPER 5dr, MINI warranty May 2020, sat nav, Bluetooth, 8k, white **£14995**

15 65 MINI CLUBMAN 2.0 COOPER SD 5dr (Chili & Media pack) MINI warranty Jan 2019, sat nav, panoramic roof, reverse camera, 16k, BRG, half leather **£15795**

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15 65 MINI CONVERTIBLE 1.6 ONE 2dr (Pepper & TLC pack) 16"black alloys, sport seats, 33k, white, half leather **£10995**

15 15 MINI CONVERTIBLE 1.6 Cooper 2dr, Bluetooth, DAB, 12k, red **£10995**

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17 67 ALFA ROMEO GIULIA 2.2 TD SUPER 4dr automatic, Alfa warranty Dec 2020, sat nav, 18"alloys, 2k, red, full leather **£23995**

15 15 AUDI Q5 2.0 TDI Quattro S-Line+ 5dr S-Tronic, sat nav, cruise, 20"alloys, 27k, silver, full leather **£22995**

16 16 CITROEN C4 CACTUS 1.6 BlueHDI Flair Edition 5dr, Citroen warranty April 2019, sat nav, insulated pan roof, silver **£8795**

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15 65 FIAT 500 1.2 Pop Star 3dr, air-con, alloys, 15k, blue **£6195**

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13 13 HONDA CIVIC 1.6 I-Dtec ES 5dr, Bluetooth, reverse camera, met green **£6495**

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16 16 HYUNDAI TUCSON 1.7 CRDI Blue Drive Premium 2WD 5dr, Hyundai warranty July 2021, sat nav, reverse camera, 21k, silver, full leather **£15795**

16 65 JAGUAR XE 2.0 TD R-Sport 4dr (180bhp) sat nav, heated seats, 16k, Firenze red, full leather **£18495**

14 64 JEEP CHEROKEE 2.0 CRD LTD 5dr, sat nav, reverse camera, 31k, black, full leather **£13995**

16 16 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE 3.0 CRD Overland 4x4 5dr automatic, Jeep warranty April 2019, panoramic roof, sat nav, 20"alloys, 17k, met red, full leather **£24995**

15 15 JEEP RENEGADE 1.6 Multijet Sport 5dr, air-con, Bluetooth, alloys, privacy glass, 12k, in orange **£10995**

15 15 KIA CEED 1.6 CRDI 3 Estate, Kia warranty August 2022, sat nav, reverse camera, white **£8995**

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15 15 KIA SPORTAGE 2.0 CRDI KX-2 AWD 5dr, Kia warranty April 2022, panoramic roof, cruise, 21k, black, half leather **£13795**

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17 66 MERCEDES A180d SE 5dr, Mercedes warranty Jan 2020, reverse camera, 20k, met green, full leather **£14995**

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Lady Taverners host sports day fun

MORE than 100 children from six special schools across south Wales enjoyed an eventful day in the Lady Taverners inter-school sports day at the National Indoor Athletics Centre in Cyncoed recently.

Heronsbridge (Bridgend), Meadowbank (Cardiff), Ty Gwyn (Cardiff), Riverbank (Cardiff), Ysgol y Deri (Penarth) and The Hollies (Cardiff) competed in sports from wheelchair races, long jump, table tennis, skittles and egg and spoon races.

The event finished a relay race and a lap of honour with all the children taking part along with Morgan, the Glamorgan Cricket Club mascot.

Face painting was provided by Acorns Nurseries.

Both Glamorgan County Cricket Club and the Cardiff Blues provided assistance in the running of the day by bringing along extra help.

Macaulay Cook (Cardiff Blues) and Harry Robinson (formerly Cardiff Blues and Wales) not only helped out, but presented the cups to the winning schools.

The Lord's Taverners provided equipment so that the children could experience table cricket – a specially designed version of the game which enables young people with severe physical and learning disabilities to participate in the game.

The day was made possible with various donations including one from former Commonwealth sprinter and Lady Taverner, Shelly Proctor (Michelle Smith), who was a member of the Welsh team at the 1970 Edinburgh Commonwealth games.

Jane John, Chair of The Lady Taverners Cardiff Capital Region, said: "This event gets better and better every year. A big thank to Glamorgan Cricket Club, Cardiff Blues, Acorns Nurseries, Shelly Proctor, Dyfi Allen from the Hollies and Pippa Clarke from the Lady Taverner's committee all of whom contributed to making a very successful day.

"As a charity, we aim to give disadvantaged and disabled children a sporting chance, and, as important as the fundraising events are, this event is particularly special as it enables us to cement our links with some schools we help in south Wales. The children absolutely love the day!"

Every year, the Taverners donate over £3 million to help young people of all abilities and backgrounds to participate in sporting activities. To find out more visit www.lordstaverners.org.

Morgan the mascot joined in the fun.

Greens too quick for Cadoxton

Cadoxton had a week of away fixtures.

All of the greens were fast and alien to the home green which was still heavy, even after the long spell of sunny weather. This resulted in heavy defeats as they could not come to terms with the pace.

The first match was at Sully Sports and no points were collected. The nearest rink to any success came from Kelvin Chedgzoy's against Lee Romans, which recovered from 11–1 down to reach 14–15 behind with one end left. Unfortunately, a two was conceded.

Howard Craven skipped his rink against Keith Romans to a 10–9 advantage, but failed to score on the last four ends.

Don Kuhnell's rink scored just a single during the first six ends. Three further singles were added to trail 4–11 after 10 ends. A movement on the jack with the last bowl on the next end brought a welcome four.

On the final end an attempt to move the jack again to win the game, removed their shot wood and thus conceded a five.

Finally, Steve Clarke scored a four on the opening end, but only added two more to trail 6-10 after eight ends. Unfortunately a six and three were conceded on the next two ends, followed by five singles.

D Tuck, I Robertson, W Craven, H Craven 10 - 16 P Collier, AFitt, L Adams, K Romans; D Sulman, A Prince P Ellis, K Chedgzoy 14 – 17 P Robbins, A Thompson, P Holland, L Romans; E Davies, K Davies, M Curtis, S Clarke, 7 –24 B Knight, D Burbridge, C Spillane, G Brown; J Stacey, J Papoutsou, J Davies, D Kuhnell 9- 18 M Morgan, J Harries, B Matthews, A Middleton. Final score: 40 - 75

A rearranged two rink match in the second round of the Alan Martin Trophy was played at Dinas Powis, which was the venue, last week, for the Ten Nation international series.

It may have been suitable for them, but it was much too fast for Cadoxton, who capitulated on both rinks, to allow the home side an easy trip into the next round.

E Heppenstall, S Clarke, P Ellis, K Chedgzoy 12 – 37 J Ackland, P Marks, M Gershenson, M Ackland; W Craven, I Heppenstall, H Craven, D Kuhnell, 8 – 24 D Parker, D Vowles, G White, C Todd; Final score: 20 – 61

Cadoxton took the long trip to Merthyr to play another away game on a fast green. On two of the rinks, which had grass covering most of the surface, they were able to compete with the home team.

Howard Craven skipped his rink to the only success in a tightly-fought encounter and were level on five occasions, but only succeeded in taking the lead with a two on the 20th end after being level at 19 each. A single on the last gave a well-deserved success.

Kelvin Chedgzoy skipped the other rink. They trailed 5-10 after seven ends, but made a comeback during the next six and gained a 16-10 advantage.

After a further four ends the supremacy had progressed to 18 – 14, but with another win in sight a six was conceded, which eventually decided the outcome.

The rink skipped by Don Kuhnell played on an end rink with an incongruous surface, on which they found it almost impossible to control their bowls.

However the home knowledge gave the opposition a big advantage and after three singles to the visitors a count of seven on the next end, gave the hosts the advantage and the shots against continued to build.

The ignominy which came on the final end was the visitors last bowl finished resting in a tight head and still a five shots went in favour of the hosts.

Steve Clarke's rink also made hard work of their clash, by conceding 13 shots without reply, during the first six ends. A three broke the run, but the shots against continued with just three singles and another three on the last was all that impeded the build up.

E Heppenstall, A Prince, P Ellis, K Chedgzoy 19 – 23; J Stacey, I Robertson, G Brown, D Kuhnell 17 – 40; D Sulman, D Sulman, I Heppenstall, S Clarke 9 - 30; J Papoutsou, A Ralphs, W Craven, H Craven 22 – 19. Final score: 67 – 112

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Looking back with Brian Lee...

THE GEM'S Brian Lee, who has been reporting on the Welsh hunt-racing scene for more than half-a-century, takes another look at one of his many press cuttings books, this one from 1991.

ROCKY PRINCE IS CHEERED HOME

Read the above heading of my report which went on to say: 'The biggest crowd in 21 years were treated to a 10 race programme at the Glamorgan Hunt Steeplechases at St Hilary where the loudest cheers of the day were for *Rocky Prince,* an eight-year-old brown gelding who finished alone in a division of an incident packed maiden race.

Rocky Prince, a former inmate of Milton Bradley's Chepstow yard, is trained by Ynysybwl's David Gibbs who owns the horse in partnership with his father-in-law Gwynne Jones.

Rocky Prince, confidently ridden by Kevin Cousins who celebrated his 32nd birthday yesterday, took up the running shortly after half-way and was leading the field when those trying to catch him either fell or were brought down.'

'Sixteen-year-old Gwent schoolboy Guy Lewis followed his father's advice and notched up his sixth winner in just 14 rides when landing the adjacent on Channel Pastime.

Told to take up the running three from home Guy, who is the leading rider in the Daily Telegraph Novice Riders Championship, did just that and went on to win by three lengths from *Solar's Pride*.'

For the record, the opening members' race was won by Cowbridge's John Llewellyn who had an easy win on *Treble Chance*. The first division of the restricted went to *Good Holidays* who, ridden by Bridgend's Paul Hamer, won by 20 lengths from *April Rain*.

Division two went to *Harwall Queen* and Pip Nash and the ladies' open race was won by *Creeping Jane* and Debra Smith.

Fourteen runners faced the starter for the men's open race and first past the post was *Brown Rifle*, who partnered by Philip Mathias from Tenby, won by three lengths from *JustTheWayYouAre*.

Closest finish of the day came in division one part one of the maiden in which Tim Rooney riding *News Review,* got home by a neck from the favourite *Bartondale*, ridden by Paul Hamer.

Philip Mathias made it a double when winning part one of division two of the maiden aboard *Country Festival* and Gavin Hughes made all on Dillwyn Thomas' *Daisy Miller* to take part two of division two of the maiden.'

ACE LLEWELLYN IN GREAT FORM

'Cowbridge farmer John Llewellyn landed a brilliant four-timer at the South Pembrokeshire Hunt point-to-point steeplechases.

Llewellyn won on *Harwal Queen* (members), *Woodlawn* (maiden division one), *Gold Shot* (men's open) and *Parkbride* (restricted open).

Ruth Morgan scored her first win in the second division of the maiden on Clover Express, who finished six lengths ahead of Jack Sound.

Sally Lewis took the ladies' open on *Premon's Last* who scored by three lengths from *Fort Captain*.'

TUDOR'S FIRST TREBLE

'Jonathan Tudor, of Bridgend, landed his first treble at the Talybont Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases with *Andrea's Boy* in the members' race, *St Helen's Boy* in the men's open and *Glam Grams Best* in the owners' race. Debbie Smith took the ladies' open for the third year running on *Creeping Jane*, the odds-on favourite, who scored by seven lengths from *G W Superman*.

Simon Jones won the first division of the maiden on *April Rain* and Tim Jones the second division on *Good Holidays*.'

'The adjacent hunts race went to *Sparkling Lord* who was ridden by Bridgend's Paul Hamer and which beat Tudor's mount *Dewliner* by 10 lengths.'

**You can e-mail your point-to-point stories or pictures to brianlee4@virginmedia.com or phone 02920736438.*

BRIDGEND BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS

THE latest results for Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows:

On Wednesday, July 11: First, Linda Pinnock and Bill Turner; equal second, Emer Disley and Debbie Lea, and Glyn Williams and Irene Wickham. The winners on handicap were Linda Pinnock and Bill Turner.

On Thursday, July 12: First, Frances Heslin and David Newman; second, Barry Collins and Mike Williams; third, Stuart Davies and John Henson. The winners on handicap were Frances Heslin and David Newman.

On Friday, July 13: First, Simon and Debbie Richards; second, Marjorie Morris and Bill Turner; third, Norma and David Newman. The winners on handicap were Dian Jones and John Henson.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall. Play is scheduled to start at 7pm, to enable a prompt start, it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, again at Nolton Church Hall, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding.

All sessions are played in a friendly manner, visitors and new members are always welcome.

Lessons for beginners are being run by Steve Burgoyne, please contact Steve for further details on his number below.

For further information about the lessons and any other of the club activities,please contact one of Steve Burgoyne 01656 661968 or David Newman 01656 649138.

Belle Vue's big wins

BELLE VUE Bowling Club played Abercynon Bowling Club at home on a hot Saturday, July 7, in a Cardiff League match at home.

Belle Vue had a big win on all four rinks, with a man short, taking 89 shots to 55 and all 14 points, which will help their league position.

Rink two won the game with 23 shots to 9; shots lead was Paul Booth, No. 2 Dave Smith, No. 3 Dave Miller and the skip was captain Malcolm Thomas.

Rink three wont he rink 19-13, playing one man short. Lead was Gerry Field, No. 3 was Barrie Bagwell and the skip was Dave Purser.

Rink four won 25-13. Lead was Dave Bradley, No. 2 was Richard Brant, No. 3 was Alan Thomas and the skip was Trevor Ford.

Rink five won the rink 22 shots to 20 in a very close game with Abercynon catching up fast, but Belle Vue held onto the lead.

Despite the heat, the players gave their all. Thanks go to Malcolm for the food and to Barrie and Gerry for their assistance.

Belle Vue had another big win over Barry Millwood on July 4 in a Munro Cup match when they won all four rinks 72-40, securing 14 points.

Rink two won 16-10; lead was Dave Bradley, No. 2 was Dave Rappitt, No. 3 was Richard Brant and the skip was Trevor Ford.

Rink three won 14-8; lead was Mike Owens, No.2 was Dave Huntley, No. 3 was Colin Scammell and the skip was Graham Duggan.

Rink four had the biggest win of the evening; 27-12. Lead was Frank Keen, No. 2 was Gordon Ford, No. 3, John Whitfield and the skip was Barrie Bagwell.

Rink five won the rink 15 shots to 10; lead was Paul Booth, No. 2 was Dave Smith, No. 3 was captain Paul Paterson and the skip was Len Fowler.

Millwood took the defeat on the chin and thanks go to them for making the evening a good one. Thanks also to Paul and his assistants for the food.

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Bridge results

HERE are the latest results from the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Blub for July 9.

First, Tony Ratcliff and Julian Pottage, 72.35 per cent; second, Irene Thomas and Graham Jones 64.02 per cent; third, David Grffiths and Graham Norris, 58.90 per cent.

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Barry RFC Lottery

THIS week's Lottery numbers at Barry RFC were 04, 09, 10 and 22, which again failed to produce a winner, with no tickets matching three numbers for the £10 consolation prize either. This week's jackpot increases to £2,150.

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Porthcawl Firsts march on but seconds wobble again

A brilliant unbeaten innings of 83 from junior coach and opener Mark Dixon took Porthcawl to their sixth victory in seven matches, avenging an early season loss at Neath

The win puts the Seasiders firmly back in the race for a possible promotion showdown.

Following last week's heavy defeat to Dafen, on a poor track, this week's Lock's Lane wicket was much improved, after extensive preparation, and the home batsmen confidently exploited the improved conditions, after a shaky start, to move confidently to victory.

The visitors took first strike and the scoreboard ticked over, as most incoming batsmen looked set, but none were able to push on against a varied home attack that kept a tight grip.

Andrew Shaddick produced the top innings for the Gnoll side, with 35, and Gareth Bowden made 22, but seven of the remaining batsmen perished in their teens as the innings lacked a talisman to take the visitors to a 200 plus total.

Former Glamorgan wicket keeper and coach, Adrian Shaw, might have been capable of putting a spark into the visitors' late order but a pulled calf muscle ended his afternoon.

Neath still managed a reasonable 174 all out but the Porthcawl attack generally kept them in check. Veteran leg spinner Steve Richmond took a liking to the middle and late order to record 3-16 from five overs and Dai Lewis bowled his left arm seamers to good effect, taking 3-34 from his 10 over allocation.

Opening seamer Rob Jones was again frugal, his 10 overs yielding 1-16, while skipper Jack Tuck, returning to lead the side after his wedding celebrations, took 1-28 from 10. Steve Doherty also chipped in with 1-43.

Two outstanding stumpings and a catch by wicket keeper Chris Jenkins added to Neath's demise as did two catches snapped up by Richmond.

The Seasiders made a poor start, losing prolific Nick Morgan and Rob Jones with just 13 on the board and there was a danger that last week's batting collapse could be repeated.

However, Dixon, in harness with Dai Lewis set about a recovery in impressive style. Lewis, elevated up the order, repaid the faith his skipper had in him, forging a century partnership with Dixon before Lewis fell for an excellent season's best 57, containing 11 rope-finders.

At 143-3, victory was in sight. Billy Frost added 13 before he was dismissed lbw but Dixon held firm to take Porthcawl over the winning line with six wickets to spare.

His superb knock of 83 was highlighted by a six and 14 fours and was one of his most measured knocks of the campaign as Porthcawl won with 11 overs to spare. Dixon has now amassed 469 runs this season for an average of 52.11, taking him to 10th spot in the seven divisions of the Association.

For Neath, opening bowler Benjamin Smith was their stand-out performer with an impressive return of 2-15 from 10 overs while there was a wicket apiece for Kyle Britz and Callum Stephens.

Final score: Porthcawl. 177-4. Neath. 174 all out.

Tough day for Second XI

This is proving to be a tough season for Porthcawl Seconds as they remain in the bottom two following a nine-wicket defeat to promotion chasing Drefach, in Carmarthenshire.

Paul Mason's side made a positive start through openers Blair Driscoll and Jamie Rees before Rees went for 19.

The innings should have kicked on but the quick loss of another three quick wickets put the Seasiders on the back foot.

However, Driscoll remained the fulcrum of the innings and while he was at the crease Porthcawl had hopes of a competitive total. He did receive support from the middle order as Chris Bevan added 12 and Mason 11 but there was no substantial contributions from the other batsmen.

Driscoll eventually succumbed for an excellent 56, his best knock of the campaign, a large proportion coming in boundaries.

Josh Aubrey and promising 13-year-old Spencer Morgan, son of first team opener Nick Morgan, did well to take the score onto 148-7, after 40 overs, Aubrey unbeaten on 11 while Morgan was also undefeated on 12.

For Drefach, John Anderson was the chief destroyer, taking 4-17 from eight overs while seamer Joe Evans did the early damage with 2-19, also off eight. Lee Balbini snapped up the other wicket..

When Drefach opening batsman Marc Hewitt was dismissed for 16, in reply, the Seasiders looked up for the contest but that was to prove to be their only success as Osian Evans and Aled Rees took total command.

Both reached undefeated half centuries in an unbeaten match-winning century stand. Evans was 59 not out and Rees 50 not out as the west Walians triumphed with 13 overs to spare.

Marc Thompson was the sole wicket taker in a magnificent opening eight over spell, his figures 1-10, with four maidens. Young Morgan further impressed with his leg spin although he was wicketless for 13 runs.

Final score: Drefach 149-1. Porthcawl 148-7

John Edwards.

Jason is Bridgend's Ironman!

FORMER Bridgend Athletic RFC wing Jason Raffill successfully completed the Frankfurt, Germany Ironman on July 8 in gruelling 28C conditions.

At the age of 41 he bettered his last November Tenby Ironman time of 13 hours and 32 seconds by a remarkable one hour and 49 minutes, completing the Frankfurt course in 11 hours, 11 minutes and 37 seconds.

His section times were the 2.4-mile swim in one hour, 26 minutes and 52 seconds, the bike ride, increased by three miles to 115 miles due to roadworks, in five hours, 43 minutes and 50 seconds, and the marathon run of 26.2 miles in three hours, 45 minutes and 44 seconds.

Jason's rugby career with the club was cut short in 2004 by a life-threatening illness which required major surgery and 14 weeks in hospital.

He was a free-scoring wing, crossing for 20 tries in 79 senior appearances.

Such was Jason's determination that 13 months after leaving hospital he ran the New York marathon.

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SENIORS IN ACTION AT ST MARY'S GOLF CLUB

ST Mary's Golf Club's senior section's latest competition was a Stableford Greensome foursomes in which 15 pairings took part.

In this format, both players tee off on every hole, the better of the two drives is chosen, and that one ball is then played through the green with the players taking alternate shots until it is finally holed out.

The course was in excellent condition and with the continued fine weather ensuring plenty of run on the fairways, the players took full advantage of the good scoring opportunities.

With an equivalent net five under par 41 points, second place was secured by Gordon Martin and John Mabbett. The victory, however, was claimed by Wayne Newton and Selwyn Williams with a fine net 43 points.

Two days later, St Mary's seniors entertained their counterparts from Dinas Powys Golf Club in their series of friendly fixtures against local clubs.

On another lovely warm day, both clubs fielded seven pairings in this home leg at St Mary's.

Having got off to a poor start to the season with five losses from seven matches, the home side were delighted to romp home with a 5-2 win in this latest fixture.

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Bowling in the summer sunshine at Bridgend

MEMBERS and friends of Bridgend Municipal Bowling Club met on Sunday, July 15.

It was the annual Denma Trophy – a mixed round robin competition. Seen in the photograph are the two finalists (from left to right) Carol Phillips and Lesley Busher. The photo was taken together with their marker, David Trevelyan, before the final. Mrs Phillips (who is also the ladies section secretary) was the winner.

Over 20 bowlers took part (men and ladies) but the ladies triumphed on this fun occasion!

The club is still looking for more interested people wanting to learn to bowl. Why not look at our website a come along sometime to try out your hand? You will be very welcome.

For more information, go to *www.bridgendmbc.co.uk*

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Tondu RFC look forward to annual Sevens event

THIS year's 'Evs Sevens' at Tondu RFC will take place on Saturday, July 28.

The event started in the summer of 2011 asa memorial tournament for Andrew 'Evs' Evans a former player of Tondu RFC and son of former chairman John Evans. Andrew tragically passed away on New Years Day 2011 and the event was conceived by John as fitting annual event in memory of Andrew.

The sevens was based at Pandy Park from the inaugural event of 2011 up till 2014 and in the early stages the organisation was mainly based around the Evans family and Andrew's closest friends, with help from Tondu RFC.

The 16 teams that entered were competing in a cup and plate competition. Some of the early winners include Bridgend College Cardiff Met, Tondu RFC and CotaCabins.

In 2015, the event moved to Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen due to the renovation of the Pandy Park Pavilion and drainage works on the additional pitch.

This marked a turning point in the tournament,

John Evans handed over control to Tondu RFC. That year saw the tournament re-named 'Tondu RFC Evs Sevens'. A large organising committee was formed headed by chairman Graham Thomas and this committee remains in place to this day.

It also saw the introduction of the Bowl completion for all third-placed teams in their pools. Last year , the event split into two separate competitions – an eight team Elite, and Community competitions, both having a Cup, Plate and Bowl. this proved very successful and format will continue this year.

Along with the rugby there has always been plenty of fun activities for all the family, as Tondu RFC has always aimed to be the heart of the community – so much so that recently Tondu RFC was named the Ospreys Community Club 2018.

Robert J Dyke of the organising committee said: "Tondu RFC would like to extend a very warm welcome to you and your family to the Tondu RFC Evs Sevens 2018 today.

"We are expecting some scintillating rugby and hope you and your family enjoy your day with us, and all the activities we have on offer.

"We would like to extend a big thank you to our hosts at Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen for the staging of the event.

"Alcohol is served in the beer tent but the bringing of alcoholic products onto the site is strictly prohibited.

"We would like also to thank Huw David and his refereeing team for officiating. Most of our referees have been with us since the start and without their help the event could not go ahead.

"Thanks also go out to our sponsors of Tondu RFC whose financial contribution benefits every age group from our Mini-Wheelers to our first team.

"Please note the club are looking to start a women's team this season. If you are interested in playing contact Lisa on 07522 773529.

"Here's hoping the weather stays warm and sunny for the event and remember to be mindful of the weather and apply sunscreen if needed." **Mike Sully**